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Mr. George Wynch delivered the following Papers to T. B. Hurdis Esq. dated 12th November 1796

From the Examination of the late Poligar of Pyleny it appears that he refers to a Petition given in of a prior date before Messrs. Harrington & Macleod, in which he affirms to have mentioned that 1700 Chuckrums was paid to Vasoo Pilly, this Evidence is corroborated by Aunnaundavoo Vakeel, who adds that the Money was paid in two payments, these Circumstances I believe to be true for Money nearly Corresponding with the Sum mentioned was paid and Credited to the Company in October — In respect to the Obligation for 3000 Chs. it may be true, but it is observable the Vakeel adds that on this account nothing was paid, a Circumstance that Militates very much in favor of my Servants — That from the time the Tribute was reduced to 16000 it had been customary to pass such Agreements for or Soon the first Year for 5 the Succeeding Ones for three thousand (3000) each, the Sum of 5000 Chus. for Fusly 1200 was publicly demanded, and I have no doubt but the Original in Malabar is now in possession of Lieut. Col. Oliver as he Seized all the Poligars papers when Paulasamoodrum was taken that Year a Separate Sunned was granted to Jagoody who paid 1000 Chs. to the Circar. An Account of Nuzers was likewise given me by Aunnundavoo amounting to 37550 Rupees he likewise informed of 10,000 Chuckrums & 4000 Pagodas making a Total of 63550 Rupees disbursed in Nuzers from Pyleny of which Sum 5000 Chs. was not in Cash but the Sum mentioned in the Bond from Valaudy Naigue to Vencatachellum — Under these Circumstances I think it probable (altho' I never heard of it) that the Poligar might have passed a Bond for Fusly 1204 similar to those he had been in the Custom of Passing for each preceding Fusly nothing

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having nothing be demanded upon that Account is certainly a very strong Circumstance in favor of my Servants as it proves my Orders in this respect were obeyed. — In this single Instance wilful perjury has not I believe been intended — not so the Deputy Shroff Andeynarain Chetty who particularises the Sums paid with dates no doubt with intent to prove that the Sum of 1814 " " 28 credited in October had been paid at prior Periods. —

The following is a Statement of the several Sums credited to the Company —

	March	1136 " "	
	2 pr Cent on Ditto	22-7-8	1158-7-8
	May	5004 " "	
	2 pr Cent on Ditto	100 " 32	5104 " 32
July	Pagoody	1000 " "	
	2 pr Cent	20 " "	1020 " "
August		1960 " "	
	2 pr Cent	39-2 "	1999-2 "
	September	490 " "	
	2 pr Cent	9-8 "	499-8 "
	October	1778-5 "	
	2 pr Cent	35-5-28	1814 " 28
		Canly Chuckrums	11595-8-28

by which it will appear that Canly Chuckrs 499-8 was credited to the Company in September — whereas it is given in by the Shroff — 550 Chus paid for Yavannaiq on the 10th of that Month — The Total payments said to have been made by the Shroff are 9200 — 1700 and 550 makes a Total of 11450 whereas the Company was credited for 11595-8-28 as appears by the Account Current, being the Actual Sum received including the Pagoody Tribute — That the Sum of 1818

Chuckrums 28 fash of which 1700 is Stated as a Nuzir was made in 2 payments and that 1318 Chut – " – 28 fash was subsequent to October will be proved by the Demand Collection and Ballance for November. for altho' the Sum had actually been Disbursed from the Pollam prior to the Seizure of Valardu Naigue on the 6th of October the payment was not made good by the Shroff untill the Month of November. on which account only 500 Chut appeared on the Short Demand Collection transmitted.—

On the 8th November altho' the remainder having been paid early in that Month was Credited in the October Accounts and appeared in the Demand Collection and Ballance transmitted with the Monthly Accounts on the 17th November 1795 – a reference to this Account I request may be made to prove the Perjury of the Shroff Audeynarrain Chitty.—

Attested Copies of 2 Letters to Vasoo Pilly and a Memorandum given him by Colonel Oliver are offered together with 12 Extracts from the Records and the Accounts given in by Annundarow together with 2 Cadjans.—

The 2 Cadjans from Valardu Naigue and 2 Letters from Mr Wrangham together with the Penalty Bond and Memorandum given to my Servants are offered to prove the Cruel Confinement Terosarinumpoody was given up to by Lieut Col. Oliver from Mercenary motives and meant as Colateral proof of the perjury of Lieut Col. Oliver and his Servant Auroonauchellam.—

/ Signed / George Wynch

Dindigul —
18th Novr 1796.—

My good Friend

My Good Friend.

I expect to have the pleasure of hearing that you return with good health from the Valley. — Mr. Wynch informs me that he entends to come here immediately, which will afford you an Opportunity of doing me much Service — be assured that the Kindness I shall experience from You will be handsomely requited — and both myself and Friends will gratefully acknowledge it. — I beg you will be a Friend to my Dubash, Vencatachellum and bring him with You, as he is intrusted with all my Concerns. — These Pylney People will not be quit, & you will find it very necessary to punish them. —

I have the pleasure to be with my good wish. —

Your very sincere Friend
(Signed) — James Oliver

Pylney
May 24th. 1795

A True Copy / Signed / George Wynch

My Good Friend

I have for many days past promised myself the pleasure of hearing that you was returned to Dindigul, but as the Season is advancing and this Valardi Naigue may begin to dispose of the Grain of which there is more than sufficient to pay his Kist and discharge his debts. I shall not delay longer applying to you for the friendly assistance you so kindly offered, to receive what he owes me. You perhaps do not know that he has not paid a Pagoda of his Debts either last or this Year; Consequently that he has the Revenue of his Country at present in his possession and I believe it to be a Truth, that he has at this moment more than 40,000 Pag.

in Specie. — I had come to the Resolution before you came to Dindigul, to have no other Concern than that of Recovering the Money I had out in the Country and I am now willing to dispose of Valaida Naigues Bonds for what they amounted to, on the 31st last December, paying me one p Cent p Month for that Sum to the day of purchase, which is the Interest I pay for the Money, this would probably suit Mr. Wynch or you, as it would not be attended with the least trouble to recover it. —

I made up my Mind to return to my Native Country & Friends from whom I have been seperated for twenty Six Years, next January with Mrs. Porcher, and I rely much upon your Kindness and friendship to be able to accomplish it, whatever favor I receive from your friendship rest assured shall not be unrewarded, and my friends at Madras will be as thankful as I can be, and will always be ready to render you in return, every Service in their Power. — But the Name you will acquire by serving me, will ever redound to the Credit of your Family. — No Person is or ever shall be acquainted with what I have proposed to you. —

I rely entirely on You
and am very Sincerely Yours

Pulney —
19th April 1795

(Signed) James Oliver. —

Vasoo Dava Pilley Moodaliar

A True Copy — (Signed) George Wynch —

1794 10th April To a Bond Chut. 24500 @ 16½ % for Star Pag.				14848	8	..
20th Novr. To a Bond P.N.Dr. 11874 @ 5 % for D.				10325	3	24
20th Do. — Do.				4295	..	..
				29469	11	24
Interest on 24500 Chts. from 10th April 94 to 31st Decr. 95 being 20 Months and 21 days @ 3 % is Chs. 15214 @ 16½ %	9220	15	..			
Interest on 11874 P.N.Ps. from 20th Novr. 94 to the 31st December 95 being 13 Months 12 Days	4150	11	12			
Interest on 4295 Star Pags. from 20th November 94 to 31st Decemr. 95 being 13 Months 12 Days at 3 p Cent	1726	3	18	15096	1	30
Total Star Pagodas —				44566	13	6

To Colonel —

To Colonel Cuppage
Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

I beg the favor of you to allow the Guard now over Teroovangoody late Pridauny of Velladu Naique to proceed with him to Pylney there will be no necessity for the Guard remaining with him after his Arrival at Pylney as I shall request of Captain Oliver to place one with him for the Protection of his Person.

I have the honor to be
Sir your most Obedient
humble Servant

Dindigul
15th October 1794

(Signed) J. Wrangham
Asst. Collector

To Captain Oliver
Commanding at Pylney

Sir

Valaudu Naique having informed me that the Accounts of his late Minister Teroovangoody are unadjusted and having requested that I will send him to Pylney for the purpose of making the Adjustment. — I beg the favor of you to take such measures as you may deem most advisable for the Protection of his Person and his Family during the time he may Sojourn at Balasumudrum at which place it will be necessary for him to reside. — You will perceive by the enclosed Muchulkah which I have taken from the Polygar that preparatory Steps have been adopted on the Subject but as I have little faith in his Asseverations I deem it expedient to address you as above —

I have the honor to be
Sir your most Obedient
humble Servant

Dindigul
15th October 1794

Signed J. Wrangham
Asst. Collector

Translation of a Declaration given by Aanundarow Vakeel to Vellaid Poligar of Pylney – dated 25th January 1796 –

When my Employer Vellaid Naique was in his Pollam, Captain Oliver has first asked him, what was the Reason he did not pay the Money which he Owed him, and has afterwards said to him thus – "If you do not wish to "pay my Money, I assure you it can by no means remain unpaid tho' the Company's "Money perhaps remain Ballance for that Money. You should not Consider "it is only mine but Mr. Cockbourns & Mr. Porchers on the Board of Revenue "at Madras, and if you should not soon pay off this Money, you may rely "upon it, that I shall forthwith be obliged to write a private Letter "to Mr. Cockbourn preparing any Complaint against You, to make you guilty to the Company, "take you Prisoner, Sequester your Pollam & to take Possession of your "Effects instead of my Money" – Sir, notwithstanding this Captain Olivers Dubash Vencatachellum Moodelly has often said to me, whenever he saw me, that I might know what Conversation was at my presence taken place between his Master Captain Oliver and my Employer, and that in Case it should appear that his Masters Money will be impossible to be Recovered from my Employer, his Master will immediately write a Letter privately to Mr. Cockbourn Member of the Board of Revenue on the Subject, Seize my Employer, Confine him in Irons, & make him meet with some inconvenience, & that I must therefore inform all this to my Employer, and make him soon pay off his Masters Money. – Likewise Captain Oliver, Gomastah Perian and his Writer Arnauchilla Moodelly have also twice or three said to me the same as Vencatachellum Moodelly did, for which I answered them. – "I am a Vakeel and nothing can "be done by me, but I will use all my utmost influence and make my "Employer pay off their Masters Money" – Sir, the Sum of Money which my Employer Vallaeda Naique borrowed from Captain Oliver is very small, which Captain Oliver has considerably encreased by adding an high Interest of 4 p^r Cent p^r month, settling the Accounts every 3 Months

has

and encreasing the Bond on that Period for the Account Calculated including Interest, which I dare say will prove certain to you, on your Examination between the Account of Captain Oliver and of Vallaida Naique. Captain Oliver's Dubash Vencatachellum Moodely & Sarnastah Panen, used to tell me, when ever they saw me; that my Employer has put off the payment of their Money depending vainly upon your Protection, and that it does not he in Your power to forbid him to pay the Money, and that you are nothing but under the Authority of Mr. Cockburn a Member in the Board of Revenue. — As Mr. Cockburn is under you of which my Employer is quit Ignorant. tho' they have Repeatedly warned him of the misfortune he should meet with, for he is nothing but a Wild beast. and that should it prove uncertain what they said to us, we may ask those who came from Madras. who is the Chief in Authority, either Mr. Cockburn or Mr. Wynch, then we can be well acquainted with it. — Sir, at last according to their words, my Employer Vallaida Naique was obliged to meet with present misfortunes. — I have therefore had the Honor to inform you what I know since the dealing of Money was taken place between Captain Oliver and my Employer, & of what I had hitherto heard from Captain Oliver & his Servants. —

(Signed) Aunundrow
Vakeel to Vallaida Naique

Mr. George Wynch delivered the following Papers to
J. B. Hurdis Esqr. dated 12th. November 1796. —

Being informed that Sawmy Naiuden Zylney Pundaurum has affirmed that Seenvangoody the Amildar of Zylney and Sawmy Moodelly Tofseldar of the Pollams. came and informed them that they need not be under any apprehensions respecting their State for that they

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would procure their release, providing they would declare having seen 4 Bullocks Loads & 10 or 12 Cooly Loads of Property pass towards Sagoody — that they expressed their fear of so doing, but afterwards signed a Paper signifying the same and delivered it to Tevoorangoody Sawmy Moodelier and Vassoo Pilley. all of which he Sawmy Naiden now declares to be false in Refutation of Perjury, so palpable Translation of the Declaration of Chinna Pandaurum is given in under date the 4th November 1795, the Proceedings of the Committee will evince that Tevoorangoody was not appointed Aumildar untill the Month of January following). Translation of a Letter from the Pohgar of Veerapatchee and Extract of a Letter from Lieut Col. Oliver (the Originals of which was delivered to Mr. Wm. Harington) are likewise offered to prove that the fact was notorious, consequently had not the information been Voluntarily Offered by the Pandaurum it never could have been Required. — The latter part of the Pundaurums Declaration is equally false as will be proved by the several Persons mentioned by the Pandaurum, who are now Ready to attest on Oath to the facts given in by them in January 1796. ——

Translation of Declaration given by Chinna Pundaurum & Coloomba Sawmy Naider Pundaurum of Pylney

dated 5th November 1795. ——

On the 10th of October last when we were on the Top of Pylney Rock, about 10 Peons came from Sagoody, tyed and took us Prisoners to Cundum Naigue, who then said to the Peons, how dare they bring us without having flogged us first, and at the same time ordered them to carry us, and Cut our Heads off, after we were accordingly carried to some distance, he sent for us back again, and said that as we have Usurped the Property of some Pundaurums at Pylney we must

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pay him a Sum of 2000 Chuckrams, and that as we were Friends to Vallaida Naigue, we should know the place were Vallaida Naigue has Secured his Effects we must declare it. - For which we Answered him that we neither knew the place, nor are we able to pay the said Sum, then he Ordered us to be Confined in Irons, after we were accordingly Confined, he Used to send for us once in two or three days and ask us (after we were flogged) if will we declare the Truth and pay the said Sum, for which we use to declare to him our inability of Paying Money and Ignorance of the said Truth; afterwards he Ordered us to be put in double Irons when we were accordingly in that Confinement in the Choultry called Sallaguny at the North Gate of Pagoody Fort, under the Guard of Poonomalla Cheruga - we 10 days past about 2 o'Clock in the night, observed 20. or 30 Matchlock Peons enter the said Fort with 10 of the Bullocks and other 10 of the Cooley Loads through the Public Road being opposite to us - when Calundaysaloocheroogar asked his Brother-in-law the aforesaid Ponnomala Cheroogar what things are those, which were at this time entering the Fort, he said to him, that some things, and some Ready Money belonging to Pylney Vallaida Naigue are entering the Fort, when he was further asked him where they came from - he answered him that they were sent by Poojaury Moniyar as p^r. Order from Soonarmanto Cunty) a Secret place where they were Secured, and that those that were Loaded upon Bullocks, are all Brass Vessels, and those which 10 Cooleys have Carried are all Ready Money amounting to 20.000 Chuckrams which we amply heard & have seen with our Own Eyes the things and Money that were Carried into the Fort. - This is our own Declaration given with our own Consent.

(Signed) Sammy Naider Pundaurum
Chinna Pundaurum

Translation of a Malabar Letter from Coopala Naique Poligar of Veerapatchee. —

I have the honor to State that all the Effects of Pylney are Secured at Jagoody of which you will be perfectly assured by accompanying Cadjan received from my Villages of Poodoovarputty. — when you was at Pylney it was the determination of Vallaida Naigues People to seize both you and Mistress & Keep Prisoners at Valasay a secret place untill Valloida Naigue was released, but they have afterwards put it in a negligence, considering that they may do it after the Expiration of 10 days when they would know whether Valloida Naigue would be released, or not, this is a true account which I was informed of by somebody at Pylney. I am very careful in transacting the Companys business agreable to your Orders. — I hope you'll honor me with your Sunnud giving me an Instruction for my future behaviour. —

Translation of a Cadjan from Cunday Sawmy Goundan of Poodoovarputty Village to Veerapatchee Poligar. —

On Thursday last I have with my own Eyes seen Valloida Naigues Man from Liwandy, pass through our Village of Poodoovarputty & carried 6 Coley loads of Gold & Money & 11 of Brass Vessels to Jagoody, guarded by 10 of the Jagoody People, which I let pass thinking that if I stopt them, You'll become angry with me. — I hope you will give me an Instruction for my future behaviour. —

Extract of a Letter from Captain Oliver
under date 31st. March 1796. –

On the 11th. October 2 days after I left Baulsamuderam the Mother of Vatteirde Naique sent People to the Poliers to dig up 10,000 Ptas with which they returned to her. and on the 13th. twelve Men loaded with Valuables (those mentioned by the Poligars in his Letter to you of the 6th) arrived at Sagoody from Ramgherry by the way of Yernacottah. –

From the foregoing it will appear that if the Pandarrams were Suborned to give the Declaration respecting the Money Property at Sagoody. it must have been by the joint influence of Lieutt. Col. Oliver, and the Poligar of Verapatchee. that they were Inhabits of Confidential Communications appears by the Evidence given by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver on the 21st. July 1796. – And by his allowing the Native Doctor of the then 13th. Battalion Native Infantry to enter into the Service of the Pollam of Verapatchee on a Salary of 20 Rupees pr. Month. —

Dindigul
12th. November 1796 } Signed George Wynch

Mr. Wynch delivered the following Papers to J. D. Hurdis Cst. 16th Novmr. 96

Having been informed by the Committee (Messrs. Hamilton & Macleod) that the Predanny and Vakeel of Sagoody affirmed that Noben was the legal Heir to the Pollam of Sagoody, & that the Vakeel further affirmed that he was enjoined to Silence upon this Subject by Vassoo deva pilly & that when called before me, & interrogated respecting the Succession &c. Vassoo Deva pilly interpreted and commanded him not

to mention Hobeen. —

In Refutation to their Assertions. I desire to inform that the Examination was public at the presence of at least 50 Persons. — Obella Coriden, Cootey Tomby & Vencuttee Iyen being Prisoners, the Pundit was likewise present. — Hobeen was mentioned as the Illegitimate Son of Juncum Naigue, his Mother having been a Pintos Woman — Moodee Vencatien and his Brother, were acknowledged as the only remaining Legitimate Decendants of Commarra Condama Naigue. — on this principle the decent submitted to the Board of Revenue was made out. — I now offer the decent of Commarra Condamy Naigue including the Daughters and Illegitimate Sons together with Translations of Letters from the Poligar of Veerapatchy and Pundum Granden Predauny of Jagoody. the latter was transmitted to the Board of Revenue on the 19th of March, in which he Refers to the Vakeel Rungien who explained in a very satisfactory manner the Claims of Moodee Vancatien — alledging that Independant of this Hereditary right he claimed as the adopted Son of Obella Condama — that Poligar having previous to his Death invested him, a circumstance admitted by Chinna Vencatien who had alledged on the part of Obella Condama Naigue that the Father of Moodee Vancatta Naigue (Obyen) having been a Son by a third Wife of Commarra Condama Naigue ought not to succeed in preference to the decendants of Obella Condama Naigue. Hobeen was mentioned as a Decendant but never as a Claimant on the contrary immediately on the Death of the late Poligar he swore Fealty to Moodee Vencoty Iyen, & was totally excluded from the time of Succession. that although decended from the Elder Brother the Funeral Obsequies were adjudged to be performed by Permall Iyan as the next in affinity after Moodee Vencoty. — These circumstances will be proved by a great Variety of Evidence. The

The Mother of Vallarda Naique, who is generally considered as the Sister of the late Oella Condamu Naique is in fact his Cousin having been the 2nd Daughter of Juncama Naique Father to the present Hobeen by his Wife Chuckriama, Not having been present at the Examination of Moodee Vencatier Condia Gounden or Rungeen, I think it necessary to Offer a Cadjan sent to my Writer in the Month of July of which the following is a Translation. — Sevanaperumall Pilly must understand what "follows in Respect to our Pollam. — Moodee Vancatier is the proper "Man so I wrote and gave; now the Committee Gentlemen came and I "declare the same to them, but the Committee Replyed that Mr. "Wynch had informed them to the Contrary, and that there was a dispute "respecting the Succession — you must enquire from Mr Wynch what "passed and write me on the Subject". — having giving particular direction to my Servants to have no intercourse with the Vakeels or Predauny during the Investigation — the Boy instantly brought the Cadjan to me and Requested to know if he might satisfy the Predauny who was then waiting at Achuttery, I told him he might but to prevent any possibility of entrigue ordered it to be in writing and I have no doubt but the Predauny has the Answer now in his possession that the Cadjan now Offered is in the same hand Writing of all other Cadjans from the Predauny of Caugooly will be proved by the Royasum and that Hobeen is not the Heir to the Pollam, but the illegitimate Son of Juncam Naique is well known to the Predauny of Madoor & the Vakeels of Vudaguiry & Amanaignoor, Deodanapettee, Golapnaignoor and I believe to nearly every Predauny & Vakeel in the District. —

16th November 1796. — (Signed) George Wynch

Translation of a Cadjan from Condia Gounden Predany of Pagoody to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul dated 7th March 1796.

I am up to this day behaving very faithfully in transacting the Honble Companys business and have been honored with your Sunnud directing me to take Charge of this Pollam & to admit of no Person being appointed Poligar untill the pleasure of the Government is known upon the Subject. — Sir, it is always Customary with the Poligars, that if any Poligar is Died, no funeral Ceremonies to be carried into execution — unless any Person has Succeeded to the Pollam, immediately on the said Death. therefore my Employer Condum Naigue has at the Point of his Death, invested his Uncles Son as Poligar in his Room at — the presence of all the Transactors and advised to be in good terms with the Inhabitants & to behave with so fidelity in transacting the Circar business as he may thereby experience their favor and also to pay his implicit obedience to Your Orders in every Respect in the same manner as he the Condumah Naigue did in Order that he may be entitled to your good favor and protection as the Pollam of Pagoody was seperately established and put under his charge just by your favor. — I therefore Request that you will in consideration of this Pollam having been seperately settled by the Circar be pleased to deem the late Poligar as living and ever Protect us in every event. — all other circumstances you will be acquainted with by Rungia Vakeel. ——

Translation of a Letter from Teroomala Chinnapa Naigue Poligar.

Poligar of Veerapatchee to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul dated 19th. March 1796 –

I am up to this day behaving very fearfully in transacting the Honble Companys business & do hereby assure you that I now perfectly well about 5 Successions together with present Successior named Moottoo Condam naich in the Pollam of Jagoody which I have the honor to particularize that the Comara Condama naich former Poligar of Jagoody had 2 wives who were the Sisters of Vegiageeny naique that had been formerly a Poligar of Pylney for the Period of years when that Comara Condama naich inheritting the Pollam of Jagoody – I was just 10 years old & do know him with all perfection whose eldest wife had bought fourth 2 sons Named Carootta Paupala Cundum naich & Juncama & the youngest only one named Hobrin father of present Successor Moodee Condum naich, after Comara Condum naich his Eldest son Carrotta Opella Condama naich had enjoyed the Pollam about 21 years who had 2 sons namely Comara Condum naich & Opala Conduma naich the Eldest son Comara Condama naique after his father had 17 years inherritted the Pollam & when had no any son his brother opella Condum naich pas after the decease of Comara Condam naich, enjoy the Pollam about 15 years & on the 15th day previous to his decease, delivered the Sword of Succession for the Charge of the Pollam) to Moodee Condama naich present Successor as he had no son at all, therefore there are no any other persons but present Moodee Condama naich is an Inheritor to the Pollam of Jagoody this is all truely what I know of & have now communicated to you –

The Vakeel of Jagoody having affirmed that the late Poligar of that place requested of Vassoo Pillay to make a distinct Settlement for the respective Pollams of Pylney & Jagoody – & that Vassoo –

Pilly

Polly agreed so to do - provided an adequate Compensation was given - that the sum agreed on was fully Chs. 1240 for which the Object was accomplished. -

In refutation of this affirmation, I request to offer the following extracts from the records, the two first will evince the transaction was proposed by my Predecessor & agreed to by the Board of Revenue - previous to my arrival at Dindigul which did not happen until the 26th of Decr. 1794 - It is however Observable that I did not receive the proceedings of the 18th December 1794 until the 3d. of March 1795 -

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham to the Board of Revenue under date 5th. of December 1796 -

The Sagoody Poligar is the uncle of Vataid naich - of Pylney & a tributary of his nephew since I first come into this District there have been Constant feuds & dessensions between the two families & some blood has been shed but I have every reason to believe that the Pylney family has in general been in fault. - I had occasion a very short time since to go to Pylney & in Proceeding there I was met by the Sagoody man. he Complained much of the oppression he Suffered from his nephew & Earnestly entreated that he might be allowed to pay his tribute immediately to the Company & that he might Consider himself as under the Companys protection - Vataid naich on the day following upon being questioned urged that his uncle was much indebted to him & had shaken off entirely his authority. -

I have no doubt but that both are in fault but that the Pylney man is most so, & I take the liberty to recommend that in future Sagoody be made to pay his Tribute immediately to the Company -

Company if this measure however takes place a proportionate reduction must be made in the Pylney Peshcush. —

Extract from Boards minutes in Council under date 18th Decr. 1794 —

134/14 — With the view to put a stop to the dissensions here mentioned resolved to recommend to Government that the Jagoordy Poligar be rendered independant of Valaid naich of Pylney & that a Seperate Sunned be grant him payable immediately to the Company in which event an equal reduction to be made in the Peshcush of Valaid naich Viz 1000 Ch. —

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 4th March 1795 —

You will be pleased to inform me whether I am to grant a Sunned to the Jagoordy Poligar for this Fusly Similar to those granted the other Pollams he has not yet paid his tribute to Valaid naich for 1203, 1204 but is ready to pay both Kists immediately into the Companys Treasury. —

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 22d March 1794 —

Chinnapa naick by his first wife several Childrens all of whom died young he then Married Tangama by whom he had one son named Vyapoory Naich he afterwards in the decline of life had 9 other wives by one of which Sister to Condama naich of Jagoordy he had one son the present Valaid naich & at his death which happened about 28 years since he left two sons the Eldest Vyapory naich succeeded his father in the Pollam which he enjoyed for about 13 years when he was murdered on the Pagoda Rock of Pylney by the peons of Condam naich of Jagoody disguised as Pundarums, Condam —

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naich immediately Seized on the Pollam of Pyliney in the name of his nephew Nalaid naich, Nyapoory naich a youth about 9 years of age was with his father on the Rock when he was Murdered but escaped by the assistance of his Pallanqueen Boys who delivered him to Mootoo Chervigar Predauny to his father and grand Father who immediately Carried him to Dindegul and laid the transaction before Meer Saib who sent Troops against the Jagoody man totally destroyed the fort and placed the young Nyapoory naich in the Pollam under the care and the management of Moottoo Chervigar - Condum naich of Jagoody escaped with his nephew Nalaid naich and took refuge in Della Cotta, where they remained for some time, and afterwards received Cowle from Moottoo Chervigar and returned, and resided at Jagoody not as a Tributary but as a dependant on a given Pension, - Nyapoory naigue died at Veerapatchee young leaving his wife big with Child who was delivered about 15 days afterwards of a Son named Nyapoory Chinnapa naigue the present Claimant, who was confirmed in the Pollam by Syed Saib and continued to enjoy it untill the year 1786 - when nearly all the Pollams were Sequestered by order of the Sultaun on General Medows taking these Countrys he granted Cowle to Moottoo Sharvigar Predauny who took possession of the Pollam which remained in the name of Nyapoory Chinnapa naigue for 3 Months Condum naigue who is said to have murdered his nephew Nyapoory naigue is the Person who his now Solliciting a seperate Sunned or Cowle for Jagoody -

When I had the Honor to address you on the 4th Instant - I concluded that the Claim of Condum naigue of Jagoody had

been

been fully investigated prior to its being Submitted to you, but as this does not appear to be the case I think it probable you may throw in some measure, after your Opinion respecting him and not thinking it expedient to grant him a Seperate Sunnud for Sagooy the 4 Villages included in what he Claims as his Pollam are estimated at 1,000 Chuckrums by Course should you appoint him Poligar thereof, he ought to pay a Sutable Tribute as an adequate deduction must necessarily be made from Pylney he has been very urgent to know your determination, on which I informed him that you certainly would give no directions untill he produced the Cowle or Sunned by which he held the Country as a tributary to Pylney during the Moorish Government, which Cowle would undoubtedly would Specify the amount of Annual Tribute paid by him, but it is not in his power to produce any Cowle or Sunned whatever.

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue under date the 21st March 1795.

We have received your Letter of the 4 Instant and if you are of opinion that the Sagoody Poligar is adequately assisted - we desire you will grant him a Sunned Similar to those granted to the other Poligars and receive his Tribute for the 2 preceding Furlys.

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date 27th March 1795.

My Letter of the 22d Instant will have put you

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in possession of my Sentiments respecting Jagoody I shall take no step respecting Condum naigue untill I receive your further orders.—

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue under date the 23th. April 1795.—

The information you have transmitted in regard to the Jagoody Poligar Condum naigue has made no alteration in our resolution communicated to you of granting him a Sunned making him independant of Pylney the persons from whom you obtained your information in regard to the Value under your Charge particularly Valaid naigues Vakeel and Moottoo Chervigar, and as no encrease for the present Fusly was made in the Pylney Peshcush we think it will be most adviseable to fix the Payment from Condum naigue for this year at the amount usually paid by him to Pylney, which in our minutes of the 18th December last we stated we understood to be 1000 Chs and that in Consequence an equal deduction should be made from Valaid naigues Peshcush.

You will therefore grant Condum naigue a Sunned for the present year, specifying the Peshcush at the rate heretofore paid to Pylney whatever that may be receiving the Arrears accordingly as ordered in our Letter of the 21st. March last informing him at the same time that you expect this mark of the Companys favor will Command from him the most implicit Obedience to their orders and that a permanent Settlement will be made for his future Peshcush in the next Fusly.—

Extract Copy of Proceedings in the Cutcherry of Dindigul on the 23th October 1790 inclosed in the above—

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Vyapoory's Grand Father retained possession of the Country 4 years when he was killed by Jagoody naigue a neighbouring Polygar whose Sister Nalaid naigues Father had married.—

Vyapoory killed by Jagoody naigue had a Son of the same name, to whom Meer Saib allowed maintenance in the Fort of Pylney—

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 13th May 1795.—

Had I been in the possession of the proceedings you have honored me with, I should have spared myself the unpleasant Task of recapitulating the murder of Vyapoory naigue by Condum naigue of Jagoody, but you will I trust not accuse me of Credulity in this respect, when the fact is proved in the proceedings of the 20th October Paragraph 4th and confirmed in the 6th Paragraph of those proceedings by Comaroo Manayar who appeared on the part of Nalaid naigue.

From the forgoing it will clearly appear that the late Condum naigue of Jagoody did not succeed to the Pollam through any Recommendation of mine — and that the loss of 4000 Chuckrums annually for Fusly 1204, 1205 and 1206 — has not been in Consequence of any bribe Received by me or my Servants — The Peshcush for 1203 was paid to Mr. Wrangham and a Receipt granted under date the 21st August 1794.—

16th Novr. 1796 — (Signed) George Wynch

Translation of a Representation made by Rungiah Naheed to

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to Condum naigue Poligar of Jagoody to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul —

I have been directed by my Employer Condum naigue to Communicate to you that Captain Oliver has on the 26th. November last sent my message by a Jemidar Ameer Saib a Servant of Jagoody to my Employer informing him that the Money which he lent Valaid naigue, is not only of his own property but also of Mr. Cockburn a member in the Board of Revenue, and that in Consequence of that Money not having been paid by Valaid naigue he without your acknowledgement represented to Mr. Cockburn and all the other Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue on the Subject, and as on the promulgation of their Orders — seized Valaid naigue and afterwards informed you of it; and that if my Employer is now so Anxious that the Valaid naigue should by any means be released Captt. Oliver will on the Subject make his representation seperately to Mr. Cockburn and to the Board get Valaid naigue released and restore the Pollam of Pylney to him in case my Employer should give him an assurance that he will never lay claim on him for the properties possessed by him of Valaid naigue at the time of Seizure and will punctually pay the money including Interest due by Valaid naigue According to the Bond.

Sir notwithstanding this we always receive an intimation of Captain Oliver being now in the preparation of Ladders &ca. Whatever may be wanted for the Seizure of Jagoody my Employer in Consequence of said field preparation and of Captn. Oliver having sent word that he will himself represent to the Board for any matter with which he may be necessiated & have it immediately —

immediately Accomplished without your inference thereto is much apprehensive to reside at Jagoody and therefore now represents the if you will in the Consideration of his behaving as a Son to the Company, be pleased to grant him a Cowle mentioning that he need not fear for any thing he will wherein repose his trust and Confidence remain unfearfully at Jagoody and behave very Carefully in transmitting the Honble Companys business agreeable to your Orders that may be Issued — I was further directed by my Employer to produce to you the List which has been made out for the Effects that were plundered of Nolaid Naiques House and to let him know what Order you may issue on the Subject. — I am therefore waiting to warn my Employer of that Instructions may be given by you in reply to this Representation. —

The Claim of the Poligar of Veerapatchee to the Pollam of Cunnacoody not having been noticed by the Committee (Messrs. Harrington & Macleod) until the Poligar & Moottoo Chervegar who accompanied him to Dindigul had returned to Verapatchee & as the latter has not obeyed the Summons of the present Collector — No examination on the Subject took place with the only 2 persons Competent to have given Evidence thereon — the Claim was made by Moottoo Chervegar on the part of Verapatchee in the presence of my 3 principal Huzzoor Servant & Achulandum who took down the accounts & Appaga Pilly the 3 former are precluded from giving Evidence & Achulandum died since the Committee Came to Dindigul that the Present Poligar was born several years after the Old Poligar was debilitated is known to all the old Inhabitans of the place most of whom from fear are determined from standing forward — The Circumstance now

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altered on oath were submitted to the Board of Revenue on the 21st. of March 1795 on which Letter I recommended that the Peshcush should be increased to 15000 Chs. & submitted an Account procured from very old Records to prove that Cunnevady formerly only consisted of 8 Villages on a Tribute of 3900 Chs. —

(Signed) G. Wynch

16th. Novr. 1796.

Mr. George Wynch delivered the following Papers to Mr. Hurdis dated 18th. November 1796. —

Vencata Sawmy naique of Madoor having informed the Committee that he was not the Poligar, but that his Son a Child of 6 years of age was the real Poligar of Moodoor. I acquiess intirely with him in this assertion, the fact was self evident as by the Laws of the Pollam of Yerryadoo Chocumpetty. Madoor & Marooroot who all Originated from one Stock the Succession never devolves to a Brother while a Son or Nephew exists, and in the event of the Poligars dying without Issue, the Eldest Nephew is adopted and so on progressively. — In justification of my Conduct in allowing the Sear naique Vencata Sawmy to act as Poligar I must refer to the records of this District, by which it will appear that I was forbidden from submitting information of the kind —

On my arrival in Dindigul which happened

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on the 26th of December 1794 I found extracts from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 3rd November, directing an enquiry to be made into the rights by which each Poligar held their respective Pollams and whether the present possessor, or any other had the legal right to the Pollams he held. In conformity with this Order, which only take place one month prior to my Appointment I entered on an enquiry which would have enabled me to have furnished the Board with full information on this Subject. The Death of Appia naigue of Cunnewady Occasioned a partial Extract from these enquiries to be Submitted. In consequence of which the Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue on the 2nd May informed Government that the information was derived in Consequence of an enquiry altogether unnecessary when the Son of the late incumbant whose right had been fully admitted by Government presented himself.

On the 29th of April the Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue, wrote me as follows. "We cannot but Strongly recommend that you will in future Observe the utmost Caution in offering any Opinion which may Create in the Minds of the Poligars a distrust of the Stability of the measures of Government & its orders conveyed through former Collectors"

Again on the 6th of May. "Our orders to you did not "authorise any investigation of the rights of the Poligars who had been "acknowledged & Confirmed in their possessions by Government but "enjoined your examination into the actual resources of their several "Pollams and we are sorry to remark that your disposition to "Change leads you too rapidly from the Subject before you to others

unconnected with it, nor can the apparent unsettled State of the Coun-
try be otherwise than a natural Consequence of the latitude you gave
yourself in this respect. – We have however treated of this Subject so
fully in our Letter of the 29th ultimo, in regard to the Pylney Poligar,
that it is needless to enter into it more largely on the Present Occa-
sion." –

To which I replyed on the 4th of that month in the
following words. – "In the 5th Paragraph of your address you are pleased
to say your Orders to me did not authorize any investigation of the
Rights of the Poligars &c. I regret extreamly Gentlemen that by
misconceiving your Orders I should have Exceeded the bounds of my
authority on referring to the Extracts of a Board of Assist. under
date the 3rd November 1794 in the last Paragraph but one."
I find the following Order" As it is in contemplation to grant Sunnuds
in the name and under the Seal of the Company to the respective
Poligars, it will be necessarily previously to ascertain the right by
which each Poligar at present holds the Pollam possessed by him.
– Ordered therefore that the Collector do make immediate enquiry
for this purpose transmitting a Statement of the Family of each
Poligar respectively, and reporting his Opinion founded on the
most accurate information (of which he must forward written
Attested Copies) whether the present possessor or any other has the
legal right to the Pollam he holds." as this information had not
been transmitted you – I conceived it particularly my Duty to give you
the fullest information on the Subject as I am now in possession
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of your Sentiments on this Subject you may rely, I shall not in future intrude information of this Kind on you. but confine myself to the information you now require.—

From this period I considered myself as precluded from informing on Similar Subjects that the present Poligar of Madoor was appointed since the Country fell to the English is I conceive established by the evidence already taken, & may be proved by nearly every Man in the District that the Poligar so appointed was represented as an Adult (was a Child) the Annexed Extract from Mr. Wrangham's Letter of the 5th December 1794 will prove — From the above it will appear that I could not have reinstated the present Tremala Mootoorapa Naigue in his Pollam without investigating the Right, by which the Sear Naigue Vencata Sawmy naigue held the Pollam, and thereby offering an Opinion that might create distrust in the minds of the Poligars. Maroonoot was in the same predicament the Pollam having devolved to and was held by Madoor for 3. Months Subsequent to the Country falling to the English, when it was granted to the present Poligar, who was the younger Son of Condum naigue an Inhabitant of Condum Pattah in the Madoora District. the Declaration of Several persons on this Subject are offered who are ready to attest to the facts.—

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham to the Board of revenue under date the 5th. December 1794.—

Madoor is in arrear the whole of his last years Kists he is the

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the only Poligar in this District that has obeyed my Summons to attend at the Cutcherry, he came to me 10 days ago with confidence, and upon being questioned regarding his Arrears he urged in excuse the great Scarcity of rain, but gave a Muchelkah promising to liquidate the whole of it in two Months.—

Dindigul —— }
12th. November 1796 }

(Signed) George Wynch

That the appointment of Nella Daudoo to the Pollam of Deodanapetty did not Originate with me or took place in consequence of any Bribes given to my Servants is proved by the Letters of Mr. Wrangham under date 13th. May 13th. October and 5th. December of which the following are Extracts.—

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham under date the 13th. May 1794.—

I have no hesitation in recommending that Troops should be employed for the recovery of the Balances but the object of this address is to recommend that Government will be pleased to authorize the Commandant of Dindigul to furnish a force for the purpose of Sequestering the Pollam held by Poopaury Naigue of Deodanapetty who is in Arrear three fifths of his Kist due the last, and the whole the present year. I should be very Slow in recommending the Adoption of this Strange measure, but I see no alternative for the Poligar not only refuses to liquidate his balances but pertinaciously declines having any Communication with those who have been sent to him to demand payment of his debt.—

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I have only to add that I foresee the best consequences —
from your early concurrence with this recommendation. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) I. Wrangham
Assistant Collector

Dindigul ---- }
13th. May 1794 }

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham under date the 13th October 1794 —

I take this opportunity of Stating to you that a Claim has been laid before me by the widow of the late Poopaun naigue of Deodanaputty to that Pollam, which on the demise of the former owner was taken possession of by Gopia naigue who has ever since he enjoyed it, been Slow in making my payments to the Company, and who is at this moment in Arrears upwards of two years Peshcush, amounting to Cully Chuckrums 6453 &c — I should have Submitted the Claim immediately on its being presented to your Consideration but thought it would be expedient first to enter into a thorough investigation of the Subject, as I might otherwise unnecessarly take up your time. — The best possible means to ascertain the truth, I conceived wold be to take the sentiments of every Poligar in the District in Writing which I have done & they to a man agree that the widows Claim is a just one, that Gopia naigue had usurped the manangement of the Pollam without any Authority and that the widow or her nearest

relative —

Relative at her Option was legally Entitled to the Pollam Should you determine to restore the Pollam to the apparently just owner, I take the liberty to mention that untill her Authority is fully established it will be necessary to Station at least one Company of Sepoys and an Officer, & one Gun at Deodanaputty — Gopia Naigue has many Armed Peons, & I have no doubt unless preparatory measures are taken to prevent it that he will endeavour to resist your Orders. —

Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 3.rd November 1794 —

Ordered that the Collector be directed to transmit such written documents as he may be able to obtain respecting the Claims of the widow of the late Poozaury naigue to Deodanaputty Pollam reporting at the same time the relationship of any of Gopia Naigue to the late Poligar, & transmitting a Statement of the Family or descendants of the latter. — Ordered also that he do call upon Gopia naigue in writing for the Title deed by which he holds the Pollam forwarding for the Boards information Copy of such Application and of his answer —

The arrear of Peshcush exceeding 2 years appear to the Board Sufficient cause for dispossessing this man of his Pollam —

Ordered, that the Collector do peremptorily demand the discharge thereof and warn him that his non Compliance will render him liable to the Severe displeasure of Government. —

Extract of a Letter from M.r Wrangham under date 5.th December 1794

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The Enclosures No. 4 are Copies of Letters attested by the head Peshcar of this Cutcherry from every Poligar in the District Containing their Sentiments regarding the Claims of the Widow of Poojauly naigue late Poligar of Deodanaputty to the Succession of that Pollam.—

I have made a Translation of one of them but they are all nearly to the same Effect.—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 18th December 1794.—

In Consequence of the Circumstances Stated by the Collector and as an example is become highly expedient agreed to recommend that Gopia naigue be dispossessed of the Pollam of Deodanaputty and that it be taken possession of and put under a Companys manager for the present.—

As it appears that the Widow of Poojaury naigue late Poligar has a just Claim to the Succession of this Pollam — the Board are of Opinion She should be Called upon to nominate a Manager on her behalf and if the Character or Capacity of the Person shall appear Objectionable it will then become a Subject of Consideration whether it will not be most eligible to propose to her an Allowance, & to Confirm the appointment of a manager on Account of the Company.— That the Poligar did not consider himself as a grieved is proved by the Letter of his Father Poligar of Yaloomada Yarroo Chinnum naigue & by the Cadjan of Nella Daudoo Poojauly naigue sent me on the 9th Instant of which the following are Translations.—

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Translation of a Cadjan from Yarro Chennupa Naigue Poligar of Yalloomada to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul. —

I have been honored with your Sunned directing me to Liquidate immediately the Balance of Fusly 1204 due to the Company by my Son Velladoodoo Naigue to whom you were pleased to restore the Pollam of Deodanaputty According to the Security Bond wherein I was entered in the month of February last to have been Responsible for the Risk of said Fusly in case of the failure of my Son in the Payment. In reply have the honor to State that it being reputable and most extensively published to the whole world that upon a due Attendance of my son to you, you have been highly pleased to enquire into his legal and incontrovertible Right & inheritance to the Pollam of Deodanaputty & to dignify him most Affectionately with restoration thereof in order that he may open the Door of Caumoochee Amman Church (which these 40 years ago was Shut up & unconsecrated) and Carry on the Consecration as usual. So you have Obtained an high reputation extended thro' out the Countries of having shewn him every favor & Protection. but for my having been Called upon by you for the Liquidation of the Balance due by my Son to the Company I have the reason to Assure that in Consequence of Indapooly Poodoocolum & Cullorputty Villages appertaining to Deodanaputty & also the Tax upon Bogarry & Pattana Chitty not having been Completely restored to my Son as usual our inability in the punctual payment of the Peshcush was Occasioned, on the other hand I do hereby Assure you that in the event of your being pleased to do my Son the favor of restoring to him the afore said Villages &ca and also

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of Settling his Peshcush with such moderation as has hitherto been usual he will doubtless make punctual payment of his Kists to the Company. —

Translation of a Letter from Poojaurey Naique of Deo-danaputty to George Wynch Esqr. after the Complaints.—

I came to Dindigul and waited 13 months after which you Arrived and I Visited you consider-ing you in every respect as my parent and you treated me as a Child and putting regard on me Granted me the Pollam of Deodanaputty as I had been your own Son Accompanying me to my Pollam and putting the Sword into my hand and making me head of the Caumaucha Church - from this I held your Order in my head & it was reported throughout the 24 Pollams and 56 Districts that I was by your favor Created a Poligar, and I conceived whatever was done by your authority could not be altered but when I heard you had lost your Col-lectorship - I considered that I must likewise lose my Pollam accordingly by my Vakeel and or other men I sent in Money but they Confined my 2 people 10 days after they pilted my Pollam and ordered me to quit it in now I am Obliged to reside on the Hills amidst Jungles. how long shall I be able to bear these hardships of Rain and bad Water Kau-mauchee knows the Hardships I suffer. I am as your Son and cannot continue to bear these things - If you send me word where to live I shall obey your Order & if you order me to re-tore to you, I shall forwith attend you, If I have fallen under your displeasure you must Consider my faults as the faults

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of a Child and not throw me from you - You must restore me to my Pollam keeping regard on me, and not loose the name - you have acquired. you must Send me a Sunned directing me how to Act. -

18th November 1796.

(Signed) George Wynch

Mr George Wynch delivered the following Papers to J. B. Turner Esqr
19 November 1796

Being informed by the Committee that Mahootarum affirmed that as Amuldar of Cumbum his Collection from January 1795 to 2d August 1795 Amounted to Cully Chs 3990. 2. 26 of which he paid Cully Chs 2547. 6. to My Servant Vizt

Collections in Grain &c	3219. 2. 26	
Grain Deposit	771.	3990. 2. 26
Paid to Vassoo Pilly in Cash	2000	
To his Dancing Girl	30	
Bramins by his order	3	
To Shashadanundum pilly &c	25	
Shawls Cloths	95	
Batta	53. 6	2206. 6
Toudaray Modely	280	
Sawmy Modely	17	
Achelaundum	30	
Vencatauchellum	14	341
		Cully Chs 2547. 6

The very vague manner the account is given in (neither the quantity of Grain or price at which it was sold being Specified) makes it impossible to speak with precision on the Subject a palpable perjury however appears on the face of this Statement as supposing the Sum of 3990. 2. 26 to have been Collected 2318. - 13 was Credited to the Company to the 12th July Consequently the aggregate was only 1672. 2. 13 instead of 2547. 6. in Refutation of perjury so palpable 3 Letters from Mahootarum are offered with their inclosures together with an abstract taken from the monthly Accounts of Mahootarum by which it appears that the Collections were 2316. 6. 2/6 and which

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Corresponds with the Accounts sent by him to me and transmitted on the 15 and 18 February 1795 to the Board of Revenue — The abstract for 12 July 1795 will evince that the Dowle Accounts for Cumbum &c Villages was Star Pag^s 1324 - 26 - 46 or fully Chu^s 2318 . . 13 & I request to observe particularly in the Amildars letter of the 29 of Feby Enclosing the Declaration of the Inhabitants and his Repeated assertion that if the Cowle agreeable to the Settlement made by Nimbool naigue was not agreed to that the Inhabitants would emigrate, from Mahoo: tasums account it will appear that the assessment in Paddy amounted to 4915 Cullums of which Call^s 1197 - 10 - 1/4 were Collected by Nimbool naigue and of the Remaining Call^s 3317 - 1 - 1/4 the Company was Credited as follows 1534 - 7 - 5 at 6 fan^s and 2182 - 5 - 7 at 5 fan^s when I was at Cumbum Appagee Goundun was very urgent to be allowed 2000 Cullums of Paddy at 6 fanams of which 900 was then delivered and on this account the Soucars became Responsible for the Payment of 1400 Chu^s the Remaining 200 being the difference of Exchange between 3000 Chu^s paid into the Companys Cash & 2000 P.N Pag^s paid by Comanaswamy Chetty, the great fall in the price of Grain owing to all Monoplies having been forbidden by me Occasioned this Account not having been finally settled the Money was therefore lodged by my Servant with the Soucars this Circumstance I alluded to in my letter to the Right Honble the President in Council on the 13 of August but was not enabled fully to explain it untill I was permitted to Commune with my Servants from whom I received the foregoing Account Respecting the 1400 Chu^s —

— If therefore a Sum exceeding 2318 Chu^s was Collected the fraud must have originated with Mahootasum as it is observable that I only arrived in Dindigul on the 26th December and that Mahootasum was appointed on the 26 January following at which time he was

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an entire Stranger both to me and my Servants And it appears by the Declaration of Paracolum Vincatauchellum Pilly that 35 days previous to the arrival of the Committee Vincatauchella modely informed Appagee Gaunden that the sum he had given Mahootasum was but trifling when it was Considered that his evidence would undoubtedly disgrace Mr Wynch and his People it Remains therefore only to be proved that the Letters are the hand writing of Mahootasum —

Complaints having been exhibited against Kistnah he was ordered into Dindigul on the 13th March but had sufficient address to prevent the Complaint coming forward after the Investigation was Closed My Servant procured information which Occasioned his Kistnah being prevented from returning to Cumbum the further Investigation which ensued strongly implicated the Conduct of Mahootasum which I was prevented from elucidating owing to his having been taken from under the Charge of 2 Invalid Sepoys I had placed over him by Mr Stodart & Secreted untill the arrival of Mr Harrington and Macleod when Kistnah was permitted to leave the District without any enquiry into his Conduct having taken place or any redress having been granted to the Complainants and Iyapetty been Confined gave Mahootasum an opportunity of Carrying to the account of my Servants any nefarious Conduct of his own the Sumpretty of Kistnah is now in Dindigul from whose accounts it appears that Cull. M 321. 2 of Paddy only was made over by Mahootasum whereas in his accounts he says Paddy in hand amounting to Cully Chul. 1649. 1/2 which at the highest price Paddy was sold at Cumbum since my arrival in the District Chul. gives 2733 Cull. in lieu of 321. 2. —

(Signed) George Wynch

Dindigul
18 November 1796

Mr George Wynch delivered the following Papers to Mr T. B. Hurdis dated 19th November 1796 —

Cumbum Amildar Mahostarwenah Salam to G. Wynch Esqr Collector of Dindigul 29 of February —

Untill this day I am very careful in the Companys business I have already informed you of the Circumstances of this Talook from which you will have understood particulars I received your Letter of the 14 Instant and understood the Contents, wherein you order me to inform you of the produce of the Custom and order me to take the Collection of Money by dividing the Circar Share I am of Opinion the Cumbum Customs will amount to 450 Chs in the Goodlore to 200 —

I have sent to the Cumbum Nautams & head People and informed them of your orders and Conversed with them both by soothing and threatning but I cannot prevail on them to agree to a Division of the Crops altho I have used my best endeavours for the last 3 days but they assert that the arable Lands are so near the Jungles that the Elephants Constantly destroy great quantity of Paddy in the event of which the Circar will accuse them of embasselment the Inhabitants are likewise of the Coffree Cast and if the Circar Peons attend to watch the Crops they will certainly ran off they have never yet had the Collections made by division & declare that if assessment is made as before they will carry on the business if not they cannot remain, their Declaration on this Subject I now send you if no Determination is come to, loss must ensue, as the Paddy is heaped I have written you all

all my opinion according to your order I shall act but the Inhabitants will not be satisfied unless the business is carried on according to Mamool the Circar Peons have been employed more than a Month and are Much distressed for pay on this Subject you must send orders, the Companys business will spoil unless Money is sent for the Servants as they are now disobedient on this account, the accounts are Ready made out and shall be transmitted, I have sent away the Sepoys, the Invalids you have sent demand Batta and likewise want to borrow from us 20 or 30 Chuck.s which they say may be deducted out of their pay, and unless this is agreed to they cannot manage, as per your order I shall act

Translation of a Representation made by the Head Inhab.ts of the Cumbum Talook under their Signatures Received 4 March.

During this Cumbum Talook was under the management of the Rajah of Travancore and also of Meersaib the nunja Crops were generally Rented and assessed by us nor we Received any share for the Crops but when Syed Saib in his time had 2 years managed this Talook under amanee we find in Consequence by Receiving share as amanee and applied to him on the Subject on which he immediately Complied with our application Renting the Crops as usual — now Mahoolasum Companys Amildar says universally that we are to receive share for the Nunja Crops in amanee — Sir as the nunja or Paddy fields is about 6 Miles from Cumbum and ever experiences the disturbance of the Elephants &c— whatsoever suppose we behave fearfully & Regularly we shall doubtless be vainly blamed for any loss of

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the Crop if happened, and the Circar Peons that watch the Paddy fields will always suspect us and give us any trouble — we therefore Request your honor will be pleased to Continue our Renting Chay and paying Assessment to the Company as usual and to grant us the same usual Cawle of which a form has been already submitted to your Consideration by Sumpatty Soobiah —

Copy of a Cowlenamah which had been granted by Nunthoolnagar to the Inhabitants (who Requires the same Cawle now from the Company —

I do hereby give you a Cowle that you are to pay to the Circar the annual Assessment for the Lands of the Sumbur Talook as follows —

Nunja

at 10 Callums of Paddy	℔ a Chay of Coodoy Cultivated	
at 17 Ditto	— ℔	Ditto of Pishaunum —
at 12. 6 Ditto	— ℔	Ditto of Ditto
at 3 Ditto	— ℔	Ditto of waste land which being newly Cultivated
at 5 Ditto	—— ℔	Ditto of Land which cannot be watered in Consequence of it being higher than other Lands —

Incase the above Crops should not prove favorable for want of water the Chays to be then what was the usual according to their Situations —

Punja

at 7 Cullyfanams	℔ a Kooly of Sholum Cumboo & Mutchery Cultivated	
at 5 Ditto	— ℔ a	Ditto of Saumay
at 3 Ditto —	— ℔	Ditto of waste Landwhich having been newly Cultivated —

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at 3 Cullyfanᵐ ₽r a Kooley of Horse Gram, Mochaycottay Pyaroo &c
at 13 - - Ditto ₽r Ditto of Nunja Veel Parya
at 10 Cully Chuᵐ ₽r Ditto of Plantins
at 15 Cullyfanᵐ ₽r Ditto of Tobacco
at 15 Cully Chuᵐ ₽r a Chay of Bettle Garden for one year

To this day 10th February I am very careful in the Companys Duty which Mr will understood by the accounts I have sent the Nunja Crops ought to have been Cut one month past but has been delayed in Consequence of the Circar orders to Jepty the Country — the Inhabitants disaffected on this account and Complain of the loss to ensue if the heat of the weather should Occasion fires in the hills and Jungles in the vicinity of the fields on this account they are uneasy but I told them untill I received your order I cannot permit them to Cut the Grain on which they say they will deposit the whole produce and wait your orders which I have assented to keeping Circar Peons over the heaps I have sent you the Copy of the Cowle granted the Inhabitants according to Mamool as you think proper issue your orders I have likewise sent a Moyenzabitah for this Talook on this Subject you Must send direction — I have sent a Company men to Goodeloore the Rajah has sent his Vakeel to you he now resides in Goodeloor when he delivers over the place I shall write and send you the accounts. I now send you last years accounts for Cumbum and Poodoopattey togetherwith accounts Collection &c and I am very careful in the Companys business. —

Estimate

Estimate of Probable Receipts of the Revenue of the Cumbum Talook for the Fusly 1204

	Cull	m	m	Chs	f	C
Total Cultivated Nunja Chays 437 which were Assessed by Estimate in Paddy to the Circar for this year	4936	3	.			
Total Cultivated Punja Koolies 1803½ which were Assessed in Cash				993	.	17
	4936	3	.	993	.	17
Deduct what Collected by Nimbalnaigue	1251	3	.	837	3	.
Remainder	3683	.	.	155	7	12

Account shewing the whole quantity of Nunja and Punja Lands of the Cumbum Talook and also the present Cultivations for Fusly 1204

Cumbum Cusbah

Total quantity of Nunja Land		863½
Deduct uncultivated		274½
Remainder		589
which were Maniamed by Tippoo		480¼
Deduct again		
Butte Garden	⅛	
Maniams to the Pagodas Braminies &c as ⅌ List accompanying	7⁵⁄₁₆	7¾
Last year only Cultivated	292 ⅞	
Collected as follows for this year		404

Coanday

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Coaday Chays 125/8 Produce of which is in possessed by Numbool naigue in November last as appears in the Estimates

Parkunum Chays 278/8 were Cultivated and the Crop thereof is now on the Ground

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		Koolies
Total Quantity of Punja Lands		1175 2/
Deduct Poromboco or waste land		926 1/
Remainder		248 9/
Deduct again		
Land uncultivated at present but are able to cultivation	649/4	
Maunams as per account particular	145/2	794 3/
Last year 527/8 more		
Cultivated for this year		1694/

Koolies Cultivated and assessed as follows

Koolies	1066 49/64	at 7 fan[s] per Kooley
Ditto	624 47/64	at 9 f[s] per Ditto
Ditto	2 3/4	at 12 f[s] per Ditto
	1694/4	

Most part of this assessment was Collected by Numbool naigue as appears in the Estimates

Poodoopilly Village

		Chay
Total Quantity of Punja Land		75 3/4
Deduct		
Possessed by Appagee Gomastan	30/4	
uncultivated	1 3/16	
Maunagums as per account particular	9 7/16	
Bettle Garden	3 1/2	41 3/
Cultivated for this year		33
Total Quantity of Punja Land		535 7/16
Carried on		535 7/

Deduct Brought over — 535[illegible]

unCultivated — — — — — — — — — 413 7/16

Maunears as pr Account particulars — 13 — 426 7/16

Cultivated and assessed for this year —

Most part of this assessment was Collected by Numbool Naique as appears in the Estimate —

Statement of Cumbum for present year

	Nunja Chays	Punja Noolies
whole Quantity of Lands — — — —	938/4	12288 3/4
Deduct unCultivated —		
Land Maunears &c — — — — —	501/4	10484 11/16
Nett Cultivated — — — — —	437	1803/2

Account particulars of the Revenue of Goodaloore Collected for present Fusly 1204

	Chays	Paddy Cull	mer	m	Money Chs	f	C	Chs	f	C
Total Quantity of Nunja Land	50 7/16									
Deduct waste Land which never can be Cultivated — — — —	15 7/16									
Deduct again	35									
Land unCultivated at present but Capable of Cultivation 4 3/4										
Maunears unCultivated 2										
Ditto Cultivated — 11	17 1/4									
Cultivated Land — — — — —	17 3/4									
Which were Rented at 10 Cullums pr Chay and Cultivated entirely by Ponyattoo Rajah — —		172	6		at 8 f pr			138		
Carried over — — — —								138		

		Paddy			Money					
		Culls	m	m	Chs	f	C	Chs	f	C
Brought over								138		
Total quantity of Punja Land	Koolies 9785									
Deduct										
Waste Land which never can be Cultivated 9104										
Land uncultivated at present but Capable of Cultivation } 491										
Maunean Cultivated 30	9625									
Cultivated and assessed as follows	160									
Nutchenee Koolies 140 at 5¼ f. p. Kooly					73	5				
Mochay &c. ditto 20 at 2¼ ditto					4	5				
Tax upon Patapatana &c.					10					
Sayer Collection by Estimate for whole year					200					
								288		
Total Chuckrums								426		

N.B. of above Money Account of 288 Chuck. the Punyattoo Rajah has Collected 140 Chuckrums

Untill this day 1st of March I am very Care-
-full in transacting the Companys business your Letter of the 19th
I have Received and understand the Contents wherein you tell
me you are Surprised so large a Country as Goodeloore should
yield so small a Revenue and order me not to interfere
Vlanoomuntenputty untill I receive your further order's and
that the Goodeloor Rajah has no Controle over Goodeloor I have
not Reduced the account of Goodelore the place is in very bad
Condition not ten Inhabitants houses being left it is only
a name Cumbum & Goodeloor the latter has very long been
destroyed which will be easily understood if you make
enquiries when you arrive here you will understood whether
my accounts are just I never deceive the Gentlemen agreeable
to your order I am very careful in the Companys business I shall
not Repair to Vlanoomunta putty untill I hear further
from you I have informed the Goodeloore Rajah he is not
to interfere in that place and sent a Sumpretty, Monagar,
and Peons to the Fort the Collection of this year the
Goodeloore Rajah has expended for the future agreeable
to your order I shall act I have not yet paid the Servants
at which they are very discontent and the Companys
business will Suffer to prevent this I have made some
advances the accounts for February and Sayer I have
written and Send

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Vinjarl Chay Verg Chay — **Makoolarum** — Chs. f. — Chs. f.

Desale Account Settled by Numbool naigue for Faslyshee
1782, for Koolas of Punja assessed — 994 3⅝
1½ Chay of Batta collected at 10 Chul. per Chay — 15 9⅝
Palapatura — 17. 4.
Jauby — 3. .
Fash — 2. 5. — 63 9 — 1073 1⅝
Collected by him — 792 3⅝
Balance — 280 8⅝

Deale Paddy Bumbum

125⅝ — Watered by Vey Mauke Tank assessed as follows and Collected by Numbool naigue
95⅝ at 10 Cullums per Chay — Cullums 958. 9.
6½ at 5 do per do — 33. 6
3½ at 4 do per do — 14. .
19½ at 3 do per do — 57. 3
125⅝ — 1063

149⅝ — Watered by Cumbum Paracoo and assessed Pishaunum as follows
94½ at 13 Cullums per Chay — 1275. 9
54⅝ at 5 do per do — 274. 4. 4
149⅝ — 1550. 1. 4

129½ — Watered by Oulam paracoo and assessed as follows
84⅝ at 17 Cullums per Chay — 1439. 5.
Remeasurement — .. 2. 4
44⅝ at 3 do per do — 135.
129½ — 1574. 7. 4

404 — assessed — Cullums 4177. 9
Deduct taken by Numbool naigue — 1053. — 3124. 9

Podoopatty

33 — at 17 Cullums per Chay — 561.

Goodeloor

10 Chay at 13 Cullums per Chay — 130
7¼ do at 5 do per do — 36. 3
17¼ — 166. 3
Deduct taken by Pomyaloor Rajah 134. 10. 4 — 31. 4. 4
Total Cullums 3717. 1. 4

Cull. mar.
1149. 7. 2 of Paddy sold at Cumbum at 6 f. per Cull. — 677 7⅝
2305. 1. 6 of do do do at 5 f. do — 1002 5⅝ — 1674 9⅝
3124. 9 — Goodeloor Punja assessment 67. 9⅝
Bazar — 6 — 68. 5⅝
Deduct taken by Numbool naigue — 67. 6⅝ — 1
31. 4. 4 Cullums of Paddy sold at 6 f. per Cullum — 18 5⅝
Assessed 114 ⅔ Koolas of Punja at Podoopatty — 16. 9⅝
½ Chay of Batta — 5. 1¼
Palapatura — 2. 6 — 17. 2⅝
Deduct collected by Numbool naigue — 14. 5 — 22 7⅝
393. 7. 7 Cull. of Paddy at 6 fan. per Cullum — 230 1⅝
561. — 177. 4. 1 do do at 5 f. do — 88 6⅝ — 313 2⅝
3717. 1. 4 — Total Cully Punch — 2310 6⅝

Mr. George Wynch delivered the following papers to Mr. T. B. Hurdis 20th. Novr. 1796 -

Kistna Iah having affirmed that he paid to my Servants Chs. 907 of which Chs. 421 was expences incurred for Catching 2 Elephants that were given to Vassoo Pilly as a present. —

The Palpable of this deponent appears from 3 Letters to me expressly mentioning that the Elephants were Caught by my Order and on my own Account and Totally un Connected with Wassoo Pilly the Total disbursment by Kistna Iah on this account was Chs. 71 - 4 - 15 as appears by the accounts of Ramlinqum Moodelly Cumbum Sumprotty and Nottadoo Elephants keeper

The degree of Credit due to the other part of Kistnas Evidence my be estimated by the foregoing. —

20th. November 1796 - (Signed) George Wynch

Translation of a Cadjan from Kistna Iyen Amildar of of Cumbum to George Wynch Esqr. Dated -

The Elephants we have taken I am now Taming - I have ordered them to be fomented and Oil and phisick given for them when tamed I shall send them to Dindigul I shall attend to the Elephants holes and if any one Caught inform you of it - at the Talamota Juncum the Peons of Appaugee Goundur and yerresicha naigue are very Troublesome for the Merchants I have written to them positive orders but they say they have maumool for their Country - and why therefore do Interfere - I wrote this for Mr. informant as the Haramuntum pretty —

Appaugee -

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Appaugee Gounden will never consent to relinquish it — neither will he withdraw the Cumbum Cauvil man — I have written him on the — Subject he says he will proceed to Dindigul and Speak on the Subject I shall Obey your Order ——

At Goolinoor the Repairs of Nullahs is Compleated there is great want of Inhabitants but I shall attend to the Cultivation as much as possible — I have sent Cowle and 7 Houses are erected and I have Settled with the Inhabitants as Aganvoudy and Ordered them to Cut Jungle If you send Sunnud to Baadenayque he will Supply — more Inhabitants ——

Translation of a Cadjan Letter from Kistna Iyen to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul Dated 19th December

For the last 40 years there has been no Maumool for watching fees for the Village of Cumbum Goodaloor and Ooroo-putty either to Appaugee Gounden or any other Poligar — last year Appaugee Gounden took Cawil from the Inhabitants in consequence I had a Tom Tom beat to prevent the Cawil man from residing here Subsequent to which he has not demanded Cawil Fees from the Inhabitants — I have already written you the account particular of Robberries Committed since the Country fell to the English Appaugee Gounden will never resign Hanoomuntumputty by fair means a few days since 200 Peons came and made the Hedges &ca round the Village — It is reported here that Appaugee Gounden has given order if — Mr. Wynch proceeds direct to Cumbum let him pass but if he comes to Hanoomuntumputty give him battle — this news is — necessary for Masters information — as by Order I have sent Ramalingum Moodelly to you I have likewise sent a Black monkey the nutmeg fruits I cannot get at present it is not the season — In

January

January and February the Inhabitants say this will be plenty — as for Goolenoor Business I am very careful respecting it 2 Inhabitants have carried and are thatching their houses — and the Inhabitants have begun to cut away the Jungles agreeing to the Assessment as of Yaroovawdy I shall take care and over look the Cultivation — yesterday the Merchants came from the Southward with nuts and unloaded there Bullocks during the night the Gunneys were cut and nuts stolen by which they lost ⅛ of a Tolam on which I asked Appaugee Gounden Man how comes it that there Robberies happen when you stay here — to which he replied you do not allow Cawvel on that account the passengers are plundered if you present us Bette for Cawvel we shall be answerable that there is no Robberries — the Inhabitants all say the Robberies are committed by Appaugee Gounden people — as for the Elephant Holes I am very careful — and likewise in the Circar business —

Translation of a Cadjan from Kistna Iyen Amildar of Cumbum to George Wynch Esqr dated 20th December —

After I received your Letter I understood the contents as soon as I received the Sunned I got ready six Peons and went to Hanamuntumputty to make Supty of the Country and tye the String of Sequestration when 100 Peons arrived from Combay with swords and firelocks — and prevented me from entering the Village and shut the Barrier Hedge after turning out the Peons that went to Sequester the Village I have used my best endeavours but they will not give up the Village at Hanamuntanputty Appaugee Gounden Man Solom manga now resides I cannot write in Cadjans what he says by fair

means

means we will never give up the Village — I write this for your Information and wish your order I have given Orders to the Elephant — keeper to tame the Elephants as soon as possible — when properly Taming I shall send them to Dindigul I am very carefull in this business —

I shall use my best endeavourse respecting the Cultivation of Goolinore — the four Inhabitants that are there require advances — If you permit this Cultivation will go on perfectly — I am very carefull in the Cultivation Appaugee Goundew and Yerrasach Naigue have continue to trouble the people on the Talomala as — likewise the Merchants — .

Elephants Expences —

	6 Ps	4	6
Clearing the holes	6	.	.
4 Peons watching 9 Mercal of Paddy	3	6	.
4 Ditto under the trees	3	6	.
12 Chucklars 6 Marcal each	7	2	.
Hill people pays 10 Cullums of paddy	6	.	.
Mungee for roapes 7 Cullum @ 3 fs	2	1	.
Ditto 1 Sort — do — @ 5 fs	5	5	.
Ditto from Proodoopatty 1½ — @ 3	.	4	20
Presented different People	5	7	20
2 Cumbalis	.	7	.
1 Silver Elephant presented the God	.	5	.
Expences — Ditto	.	3	.
1 Silver Elephant — Ditto — Ditto	.	5	.
Expences — Do — Ditto	.	5	.
Ditto — Ditto	.	1	12
Ditto — Ditto	.	1	35
	43	.	9

Carried over

Brought over		43	7	
Expince — god		..	3	15
Pungal — Ditto		..	3	20
Pungal Presented Ditto		..	5	20
Ditto		..	2	..
9 Kids		..	9	..
2 Bullocks		3	7	..
Masall fermentation		1	4	10
Oil		2	6	10
Ditto of 5 Sorts		1	8	20
3 Gunneys		..	5	..
Grass (cul) 2 (m) 11 .. Paddy		1	7	20
Ditto 1 . 9 .. Natcheny		..	7	..
2 Cloths to Elephants Peon		..	3	20
2 Sheeps		..	6	..
		58	7	30
2 Monkeys	 20			
2 Cloths and Batty	1 . 5			
Hill people	10 . 7 . 5			
		12	6	25
Cally Chas		71	4	15

This account is not an exact Translation of either the Cudjan or Copy — The Total on the Cudjan is - - - - - - - - - - 84 . 7 . 4

and the Copy is correct and agrees with the above

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Sumpretty Rangalinguam is in the Pettah of Dindigul but too unwell to attend he has signed to the Truth of his Cudjans which are given in —

23th November 1796 —

(Signed) George Wynch

Elephant Expinces from 20th Sept. in the year Ratchasa

Mashall for 2 Elephants		1	4	10
Oil Received from Govindoo Chitty for Sax		2	6	10
5 diff.t Sorts of Oil		1	8	20
		5	9	-
3 Pieces of Gunny			5	-
Paid 2 Son of Tany 3 diff.t times for Grass — Paddy Callus 2, Merral 11; Hutching 1, 9				
Elephant driver pay from 15th to 15th April Commencing 7 Months @ 4 Cll.s ₱ month is 28 Cll.s paid inpart	19			
Second drivers pay for 7 Months @ 2 Callums ₱ Month is 14 Callums give inpart	9			
1 Boy for 7 Months @ 1 Call. ₱ Month is 7 Callums paid inpart	4			
1 Bullock driver for 5 Months and 18 days @ 2 Callums ₱ Month is 11 Call. 2/4 Merl. paid inpart	9			
3 Ditto for 3 Months and 7 days @ 1 Callum and 6 Merral is 4 Callums and 16 1/2 Merral paid inpart	3			
5 water womans pay ₱ 3 Months @ 4 Merrals ₱ Month	5			
9 Kids			9	
2 Bullocks		3	7	
1 Piece Cloth			3	
Gave alms when ride on Elephant Callam	1			
Expenced ready money			2	
Rice for Elephant	1			
Total carried over	54 . 11	30	5	

Brought over

Brought over Paddy -- Cullums -- 34 - 11			
Natchiney ------------ 1 -- 9			
After deducting the above —			
Balance due to Head Elephant man —	9	..	..
Ditto - to Second - Ditto for 5 Cullums —	3	..	..
Ditto - to a boy ----- 3 - Ditto	1	8	..
Ditto - to Bullock drivers --- 2 - 8¼ —	1.	3	7
Ditto - to - Ditto ------ 1 -- 10½ --	1.	1	4
The Total Balance to Elephant Servants -- Chs --	16	2	11

Thus I have give as true Account and Received in full of all Balance due to me and — other Servants the Sum of 16. 2. 11 from Mr. George Wynch —

(Signed) Nuttaudoo. Mouvetter

Mr Wynch delivered the following Papers to Mr T. B. Hurdis

Dated A 1. 2. 3. 4. 5

That my Servants partook of nuzers from the Renters may be true but it is I think improbable that the lands were rented conditional that nuzers should be paid. I have no doubt because a Translation of a Cowle from Conjeveram Tally on this Subject fell into my hands with other papers immediately on my arrival and indeed the terms on which the Cases were granted can no otherways be [illegible] for Copy of Mr Wrangham's Letter under date the 1 of August is Submitted by which it appears that the Collection of the Circar Lands for

1784	was	Cully Chuckrums 135000	Gross
1785 / 1786	averaged year	Do 100000	
		Do 100000	Nett
1787		Do [illegible]	
1789			

That in 1784 the Circar Collection in Paddy amounted to Cully Chuckrums 45000 at 6½ fanams per Cullum which gives 69230 Cullums in 1785 and 1786 to Cully Chuckrums 55000 which at the same rates gives 84616 Cullums and in 1789 the Collections in Paddy are given in at 81066 Cullums at 7 fanams per Cullum.

From the accounts I procured it appears that the Circar Lands yielded in Paddy Circar proportion as follows

		Cullums		Chuckrums
In Meer Sultanee 1774	Cusbah	3000	at 10 f per Cull.	3000
	Vatalapoondum	17000	at 7 f per Do	11900
	Parrallotum	30000	at 5 f per Do	15000
	Outampollam	48000	at 4 f per Do	19200
Total Collection in Paddy		C 98000	Cully Chuckrums	49100

&c

		Cullums		Cl. Chs
& In Syed Saibs time 1786	Cusbah	2500	at 10 f. per Cullum	2500
	Vatalacoondum	16000	at 9 f. per Do	14400
	Paracolum	18000	at 7½ f. per Do	13500
	Outampolum	34000	at 6 f. per Do	20400

Total Collection in Paddy Cl. 70500 Cully Chs 50800

		Cull.		C Chs
In 1792 when Comans fully was Rented	Cusbah	2500	at 10 f. per Cull.	2500
	Vatalacoondum	13900	at 12 f. per Do	16680
	Paracolum	14500	at 10 f. per Do	14500
	Outampolum	13500	at 8 f. per Do	10800

Total Collection in Paddy Cull. 44400 Cully Chs 44480

		Cul.		C. Chs
In 1793 when Cooteathe[?] was Rented	Cusbah	2600	Sold for	1560
	Vatalacoondum	14500	at 10 f. per Cull	14500
	Paracolum	13500	at 9 f. per Do	12150
	Outampolum	14000	at 7 f. per Do	9800

Total Collection in Paddy Cullums 44600 Cully Chs 38010

In the years 1784. 1785. 1786. 1787 & 1789

M[illegible] Vaughan States the Shodundrum to have been 6/4 Cullums on every 100 Cullums and Subsequent to that [illegible] at 40 Cullums p% Cullums Consequently calculated the Shodundrum on the smallest quantity 44400 Cullums at 40 the Total produce must have been 148000 Culls on which deduct a Shodundrum at 6/4 and the Remainder gives total 138380 Cullums Circar proportion 69385 instead of 44400 Making a difference to the Circar of 24790 Cullums which at the average selling price for 1792 and 1793 the 2 Preceding years to that in which the Lands were Rented 9½ f. per Cullum gives Cully Chs 23111 or at a much more equitable Rate 5 fanams the difference will still be Cully Chs 12492 If to this the 10000 Chs [illegible] have been disbursed in Repairs and the 7539 - 1 5/64 owing to the Rajah of Travancore people having altered the Course of a fine River be added the given sum will be 30031 - 1 5/64 for supposing the Rajahs Servants to have

perform

performed this Herculian labour, but as the Talook was to be given up there could be no Reason why this Loss so Accurately Calculated should have been allowed for after the first year, nevertheless we find the Rents only raised from Cully Chuk^s 38650 to 40350 (Exclusive of Customs) Increase Cully Chuk^s 1700 if the Customs Palapatara &c be added at Cully Chuk^s 5220 nett the increase will be Cully Chuk^s 6920 in lieu of 30031 difference not accounted for 23111 that the Shodundrum and Muzeis M[illegible] were not over looked appears from the 14 & 15 Paragraph of the Proceeding of the Board of Revenue under date the 25 of August as follows —

The Shodundrums was particularly adverted to by the Board in their Letter to Mr. Macleod under date 14 Decem^r last as appearing unusually high and the Report of the Acting Collector Confirms their Suspicion practised by the Inhabitants & Renters in the division of the Crop by which the Company have Sustained a loss of 16 2/3 Cullums in the 100 —

In Regard to the Correction of this Evil the Board do not see the Necessity of its being gradual — it is proved that the Established assessment before the Company assumed possession of the Country was clearly defined and in its Principle equitable as giving to the Husbandman the full Recompence for his labour. Resolved therefore that the Collector be directed forthwith to Revert to the former division of the nunja Crops the Grounds upon which the nuz[illegible] charged to have been paid by the Inhabitants to the Renters were granted are fully accounted for — and it evidently appears that there have been by this means a Collusion between them to Rob the Circar of its just due —

If

If the foregoing the Punja Assessment be adopted the accounts will Stand thus —

1774	Nunja 93000 Sold for Ch.	49100	
	Punja assessment	72000	
	Sayer Suttrums &c	8575	129675
1784	Nunja 70500 Sold for	50800	
	Punja assessed	51500	
	Sayer Suttrums &c	8575	110875

In the year 1788 the Circar Lands were Rented for 3 Years as follows

Cusbah assessed at 23000 Ch.	and 1500 Cullums of Paddy	
Ittoor Do — 2500	Ditto & 5000	Do of Do
Valalacoondum Do 2800	Ditto & 8500	Do of Do
Gungoovarputty Do 1300	Ditto & 4700	Do of Do
Pauacolum — 6500	Ditto & 30000	Do of Do
Outampollam 3500	Ditto & 33000	Do of Do
39600	82700	

If the Paddy is Reckoned at 7 fanams per Cullum agreeable to the Statement in the accompanying Letter the gross Sum will be fully Ch. 97390 exclusive of Sayer &c as follows —

	C Ch.	
Cusbah	24050	
Valalacoondum	19240	
Pauacolum	27500	
Outampollam	26600	97390

which nearly Corresponds in the Total with the accounts Submitted on the 1st of August which States the amount as follows —

Cusbah	23117	
Deduct Custom	2600	
		20517

Carried on 20517

Broughtover 2057
Vadalacoondum 15850
Panapolum 29500
Outawpoltam 33600
Deduct Custom 3000 30600 96497

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Of the Sum of Cully Chul. 26600 Collected in the Outawpoltam Talook 12000 Cullums of Paddy and 1700 Chul. was Collected from Cambuim Goodeware Manamuntapatty and Poodoopatty which Reckoning the Paddy of 7 Fanams Per Cullum gives 10800 and leaves a Balance of Cully Chul. 8650 which More than doubles the amount for which the Lands were Rented in the Sum of Cully Chul. 5800 —

These facts are not stated with a view to refute what the Renters have sworn to — but in the event of these assertions being true which I very much doubt are offered in extenuation of the Conduct of my Servants for as the [illegible] [illegible] by the Collector and approved by the Board of Revenue at less than half what they were then supposed to yield Certainly the Renters have a right to appropriate the aggregate to their own inclination —

The Cowlenamahs having been Mortgaged immediately after the Countrys were Rented and before my arrival [illegible] at least presumptive proof that the Muzers were made at that Juncture and Consequently tends to Refute the facts [illegible] — and Vincatauchelum having publickly presented Gopaul Chitmah with Gold [illegible] in the Muzer very Strongly Confirms the presumption — thus much at least is certain that the

the Coulnaurah were Mortgaged to Vencatachellum and his Dependants of Infamous Conduct and therefore visit it must have been with his Connivence the same Observation is applicable to the 6 Pollams under Charge of Lieut Col. Oliver and [illegible] which his Dubash acted as Sercar and Verifies the Observation of the Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue in the 11 Paragraph of their Proceedings under date 25 of August 1791, as follows —

The Influence of Sercars to whom the Poligars are Indebted, Real or Imaginary encourages them to act which the former from fear of loosing their property must naturally use every means to Gloss Over and Suppress however iniquitous. —

With the accompanying Letter already Commented on Mr Wrangham transmits an Enclosure (No 6) of which a Copy is offered specifying the Tribute paid by the Poligars previous to the Districts becoming Subject to the Company amounting to fully Pags 104,812. 5. this Corresponds with the Persian Paper transmitted to the Board of Revenue by their order and with exception of Dodu Naigue and Verapatche is believed Correct the Districts having been [illegible] for 106047.5 which it was known to have yielded to 72462. 5 Certainly is presumptive that the difference 33585. 5 was appropriate at the time for Sircars emolument

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That Cawnyvarudy Conjointly with Dostanuffuly was settled for Fusly 1200 at 17000 and Surapatche at Varagunray at 5000 at appears from the accompanying Copy of Mr Vaughan's letter with enclosure under date 25 of February 1791 that the first Settlement with the Poligars was Cully Chus. 85450 instead of 78430 appears from the 2 Paragraph of the Boards Proceedings under date the 17 of July 1794 as follows—

"Also to make a More minute enquiry into the amount of the Peshcush formerly paid by the Poligars and to explain the cause which produced the 1 Estimate of Peshcush expected from him Vizt 85450 E much to Chus 78430—

The reply is contained in No 3 that the Peshcush of this Fusly was settled agreeable to the one for Fusly 1203 reducing the Peshcush to 72462. 5. is proved by the Peshcush now Demanded—

These facts do not refute the evidence already given to but certainly tend to extenuate the conduct of my Servants (supposing the evidence given in against them to be true) for doubtless they had as much right to partake of the aggregate arising from a Peshcush that had progressively been reduced from Cully Chus 104047. 5. to 72462. 5. as their predecessor had—and if they did actually receive the Sums mentioned their having assisted me in a Research which enabled me to propose an increase of Peshcush amounting to Cully Chus 31902. 5 was in my opinion a Signal instance of

The Peshcush for Fusly 1205 and 1206 having been Settled in the Space of 4 months at the Same Rate heretofore Secured Must Be Considered a the fullest justification of my Conduct in Settling the Peshcush for Fusly 1204 —

On the Contradictory evidence given by the Poligar of Comboy I have already Remarked It Remains therefore to be Observed that this Poligar has been Rewarded in a most exemplary manner on the arrival of the Committee & Stood indebted as follows —

Hanammuntumpetty	for 1204		1200
Ditto	for 1205		1277 . 3
Cavel			1376 . 7 . 20
Rest	for 1205		550
		Chuls	4404 . .20

On this account 3000 Chul^s were actually in the Cash Chest of which I understand Cully Chul^s 1172 was returned — Superadded to this large Donation (the aggregate) 2577 Cully Chul^s the watching fees at Cumbum &c^a were granted to Appagee Gounden altho It appears that there had been no Mammool therefor for 40 years past. —

The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 12 of December 1794 prove that at that Period they were of opinion Appagee Gounden should be held Responsible for the Rent of Hanammuntumpetty for Fusly 1204 and justifys my having made him answerable therefor — agreable to what I informed the Board on the 22 April 1795 he will Readily pay a Tribute therefor equal to what

it would Rent for if kept as Circar Lands the Rent for Fusly 1204 having been returned him consequently implicates my Conduct Extract of the Boards minutes is therefore Subjoined.

As it does not appear that Appagee Gaunden has a Right to the Village of Hanoomuntapetty agreed to recommend to Government that his Surrender of it to the Company be made the Condition of his receiving the Sunnud of Confirmation in his Pollam.

If the Sum of Cally Chuk 1172 was not returned to Appagee Gaunden I request to be set right by the Collector.

20 November 1796 (Signed) George Wynch

To David Haliburton Esqr
acting President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen Fort St George

I have the Honor to transmit to you the Result of my enquiries on the past and present State of this District I have endeavoured to obtain the best information and believe that what I have received may be depended upon at least in most instances

In numbers 1. 2. 3. & 4 I have detailed the amount of Nett Collections in money and Grain from each Talook of the Circar Lands on account of which stock from the inhabitants of the Villages No 5 is an abstract account of

of the Sums Collected from each Talook annually since the Company took possession of the District —

To make this narrative as concise clear & Comprehensive as I am able and to save you the trouble of References to a Mass of Voluminous papers I shall speak of each Talook Seperately and introduce such Remarks as may be Necessary to elucidate the Causes of decrease in the Collections since the Reduction of the District to the Companys authority to simplify this I shall draw a Short Comparison between the gross amount Collected in Fusly 1199 the Year before it was Subdued and 1201 the Second year after its Reduction —

To draw the Comparison between 1199 & 1200 might Occasion some Confusion because in the Accounts of 1200 Sums are Stated for sales upon Grain Cattle Sheep &c which were left behind by the Enemy and disposed of as Circar property —

Cusbah

The Accounts of 1199 State the Collections from this Talook

	Chs.	f	c
Punjah	18725	.	.
Nunja 2566 Cullums of Paddy at 7½ fans. Pr. Cullum	1792	.	.
Sayer	2600	.	.
	23117	.	.
In 1201	18278	.	.
Decrease	4839	.	.

the Cause of which is accounted for in the following manner

Demands were made by Certain Poligars for the Restoration of Villages Seized by Hyder Saib which they claimed

as their property the justice of their Claims was enquired into & the undermentioned were Restored to them Viz.t to Pallamoottoo naigue the Village of Ramnadpoor which yields annually a Revenue of .... Chs 850 . .

To Golup naigue Pettalaputty and Pitteanuttum .... 950 . .

To Arma naigue Allamaratoputty .... 800 . .

Cavilgar or watching fees of this Talook Received by Syed Saib whose own People Guarded the property of the Inh.ts } 700 . .

Loss Sustained on account of the Reduction of Tax in Fusly 1199 - 16½ fanams were Received & Nooley in 1201 fan.s 13 } 1000 . .

Estimated Loss occasioned by the deputation of Collector and want of Rain .... } 1639 . .

4839

The following Remark will hold good upon the diminution of the Land Tax in every Talook after Consulting the accounts of a very late date and Comparing them with those of Subsequent dates, the Moorish oppression of Meerab in part and afterwards of Syed Sahab appears but too evident — I will particularize one Instance — In the Curbah the Tax on Pulleeputtoo Lands was raised from 7 Cully fanams odd Cash to 16 — there is no doubt but that some augmentation might have been made [illegible] the Inhabitants could have well borne the additional assessment but the abovementioned was to enormous — as far as I can judge the Inhabitants of this District enjoy their privileges and are at present as happy as those in most others & I think it would be an erroneous System, to hold out a Temporary larger Revenue to the Eyes of Government which Certainly would be of no lasting profit because any thing beyond the proper assessment would ultimately hurt the population Consequently the improvement of the Country.

Vatala

Valalacoondum Talook

	Chs	F
Fusly 1199 – Collected Punya – – – – – – – – – – – –	5000	
Do. – – Do. Nunja 15500 Cullums of Paddy at 7 f.s p.r Cul.	10850	
	15850	
Ditto 1201 Collected – – – – – – – – – – – –	13345	8½
Decreas. – –	2504	1½

Which is accounted for thus

	Chs	f
Enams to the Pagodas and Bramins Cavelgar fees and Shodundrum – – – – – – – –	1100	
Reduction in the land Tax – 16 to 13 fan.s – – – – –	300	
Estimated Loss Sustained by the incursions of Cullaries & want of rain –	1104	1½
	2504	1½

Parrakolum Talook

Fusly 1199 Collected Punya – – – – – – – – – – – –	8500	
Ditto Ditto Nunja 30000 Cullums of Paddy at 7 f. p.r Cul.	21000	
	29500	
Ditto 1201 Collected – – – – – – – – – – – –	13566	8 9/32
Decreas	15933	1 23/32

Accounted for thus

Enams to the Pagodas – – – – – – 2500 Cullo of Paddy – – – –	1750	
Do. to the Bramins together with Cavelgars fees & Shodundrums – – – – – – –	1750	
Reduction in the Land Tax – – – – – – – –	400	
Loss on account of the neglect of the necessary Repairs of Tanks and water courses the depredations of the Cullaries and the very Certain and destructive inroads of Elephants which I have been repeatedly an eye witness of Estimated at	7933	1 23/32
Loss on Punya from the above cause and the entire desolation of three – five Villages Viz.t Ancleputty Nooryumpatty and Golapovam – – – – – – – –	4100	
	15933	1 23/32

The above losses I have Stated from the best and only Accounts I have been able to Collect but I will add that I do not

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put implicit faith in them the two last mentioned Sums in particular I think must be exaggerated, yet it is not in my power to ascertain the precise truth notwithstanding the pains I have taken to do it —

Outam Pleam Talook

Fusly 1199 Collected Punya		7500
Ditto Nunya		23100
Sayer		3000
		33600
Ditto 1201 — Collected		6461 - 8 7/64
	Decrease	27138 - 1 - 57/64

The last mentioned decrease though so much is I think more easily accounted for than any others; — to the Company taking possession of these Province the Districts Cumbum and Goodeloore formed of it and yielded from the accounts I have examined a Revenue to the Circar of 12930 Chul: — immediately after the Garrison fell the Rajah of Travancore seized upon these places which he has ever since held & Collected the Revenue from them. — The Records of your Board Gentlemen show the repeated References that have been made on the Subject of Cumbum & Goodeloore and you will I trust allow me to remark that had the Claim of the Travancore Rajah been ever so strong well established that he acted in an unqualified and wrong manner in taking possession of these places without the Sanction of the British Government. I cannot indeed yet discover that he has Substantiated his Claims on the Country from every information I have received the reverse is the Case to proceed — Loss

Loss Sustained by the Seizure of Cumbum & Goodaloor - - - 12930.

Ditto the District of Nanacomintapatty which yielded a Revenue of 4100 Cullums of Paddy taken possession of by Appage Gounden a turbulent and Mauranding Poligar - - - 3370

1630 . .

Pagoda and Bramuey Enams Cavelgars fees and Shootentum 1590 .

Reduction of the Land Tax - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 200 .

The undermentioned Villages which yielded in Fusly 1199 - 1509

Caroongattalolum
Combor - - - -
Goolianoor
Woopparpetty

now yields nothing Scarcely they have been entirely destroyed by the turbulent Poligars and Colleries at the Bottom of the Valley and the Inhabitants have fled from them —

A very Considerable Loss also has been Sustained from the Rajah of Travancores People at Cumbum and Goodaloor having altered the Course of a fine River which formerly watered a large part of the Uttampollam Talook this Loss is Estimated at 7539. 1 5/16

27138. 1 5/16

From the accounts now forwarded N 1. 2. 3. & 4 it would appear that the actual Collection from the Circar Lands in Fusly 1200 were

Gross	- -	60430. 4 21/32
Charges	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	12667. 7 7/32
	Nett Collection	47762. 7 7/8
1201 Gross	- - - - - - - - - - - -	51652. 8 11/16
Charges	- - - - - - - - - - - -	15347. 4 5/16
	Nett Collection	36305. 3 6/16

1202 Gross

1202	Gross	52490..2/2
	Charges	11175
	Nett Collection	41305..2/2
1203	Gross	50469-9 7/8
	Charges	11005-4
	Nett Collection	39464. 5 7/8

The Causes of decrease in the Revenue since the Company took possession of the District I have endeavoured to account for already in the Comparison drawn between the Collection in Fusly 1199 and 1201 and in the Remarks Subjoined to it how far the Comparison may prove Satisfactory to your Board I cannot say. I am not well satisfied with it myself as I conceive that in many instances the accounts taken are fallacious notwithstanding the precautions I took to prevent deception—

A conclusion indeed might be drawn that they are fallacious from the small profit arising to the Renters which appears on the face of them. to save you the trouble of a Reference I will here again State the amount actually Collected the two last years—

1202	Collected	41305-2/2
	Rent Paid	35500
	Renters profit	5805-2/2
1203	Collected	39464. 5/8
	Rent Paid	38650
	Renters profit	714. 5/8

It Certainly is not to be Supposed Men would take farms in Rent from which they derive such small profit and this Cir-cumstance having Struck very forcibly I made use of every exertion in my power to ascertain if there were any means which do not ~~publickly~~ appear from whence they could gain or had gained Emolument.—

It is my duty to do so but it is with Regret that I state the Information I have received — Sorry with Regret because the past evils are without Remedy and long Custom having introduced the practice it has become a precedent and in future prevention of it may be attended with some difficulty:— it is not in this District alone but in most others I understand the practice prevails, and it is much wished that measures were adopted to do it away—

I shall make known to you in a very few words, the exactions (for I can give them no other term) of Renters immediately after receiving Charge of their farms the head Inhabitants of each Village are called upon to attend at the Renters Cutcherry: they of Course appear and are previously taught to Suppose that nuzzers are expected to the — protection of the Renter and the nuzzer are accordingly presented I am very Creditably informed but not from the head Inhabitants themselves (for they would never develope the fact) that nuzzers to the amount of Six thousand (6000 Chs.) each year were received by the Renters during the two last years:— the Second exaction is from the Brammeys attached to the Pagodas in the Country:— but this is more to be tolerated than the former

because

because the Brammins are ultimately gainers, they make Considerable presents to the Renters at which they amply Reimburse themselves from the Donations made by those who attend:- in a word I am Convinced that even in this Small District Muzers to the Amount of near Ten thousand Chuckrums are annually collected—

It only remains for me to State another source of Emolument from which the Renters have hitherto gained Considerable profit & I shall then have nothing further to offer to your Observation on the Subject.

The Companys Exchange in this District is Settled at 15 f Cully fanams per P.N Pagoda and 17 f per Star Pagoda the Buzar Exchange is 13 f per P.N P and 15 f per Star Pagoda the Renters invariably make their payment in Pagodas which they purchase at 13 f and 15 f so that they gain in each Pagoda 2 Cully fanams - I have calculated the amount gained the two last years Vizt

1202 or 35500 Chul. at 15 f is 22903. 10. 40		
at 17 f is 20289. 5. 16		
Profit on the difference of Exchange to the Renters		2614. 5. 24
1203 or 38650 Chuckrums at 15 f is 24935. 22. 40		
at 17 f is 22093. 5. 32		2842. 17. 8
Total Gain the two year	Pags	5456. 22. 32

I have been thus particular in speaking of the Exchange as I wish a Remedy to be applied to prevent the Company

from

from Sustaining so Considerable a loss any future arrangements may be made for Renting out the Country — as the loss however is equally Sustained by the payments from the Poligars and the Renters you will be so good as to Consider the following Remarks as applicable to both it has been the Custom time out of Mind to Receive Tribute from the Poligars in Chuk. in which nominal Coin the Renters Rent have also been settled since the Country has been Rented out during the Companys Government — would it not therefore be attended with good effect to Receive both from the Renters and Poligars their Rents in fanams or to settle with them to make their Payments in Pagodas at the Buzar Exchange with Poligars I am aware it would be difficult perhaps impracticable to alter their Established Custom of a Settlement in Chuk. but certainly not so with Renters —

However with the Poligars were I am very since a more beneficial Mode of Receiving their Tribute might be adopted —

This might be brought about I think in the following Manner — when the annual Rents are fixed the Poligars should be advised that their tribute would not be Received on account of the loss Sustained by the Company except in the Coin in which it is Specified Vizt. Chuk. they must then pay in Chuckrums which owing to the variety of fanams they would find it difficult to do or acceded to such terms as would make good the loss at present Suffered the most beneficial plan to adopt however in my opinion, would be to draw a Medium between the Companys and Buzar Exchange and to Settle the Rents of the Poligars at that medium provided they make their Payment

in Pagodas: —— I shall now speak of the Sayer Collections and I premise my observations by offering it as my opinion that they should be immediately Rented out In 1200 the Collections from this branch of Revenue were

	C. Pags.	f
this branch of Revenue were	2261	1 16/pr
In 1201	2924	3 29/pr
1202	4120	
1203	4500	6

From which it appears in the two last years the Collections have very much exceeded those of the two former years and no Complaints are on the Records of this Cutcherry to prove that there has been any particular Rigor exercised in the Collection of the Customs — the number of Choukies in each District is as follows ——

In the Cusbah	5
Vatalacoondum	4
Paralanum	3
Outampolleam	8

The Rates of Customs are fixed and delivered to the Persons employed to Collect the Revenue & I have every Reason to believe that few if any exactions have been made —— Whether the Customs are Rented or kept under the immediate Management of the Collector I think it would be attended with good effect to have the rates on every article of Merchandize fixed up at each Choukie and to hold out to Merchants the means of Redress in the event of any exaction ——

I shall now beg leave to offer to your Consideration some General Remarks which I hope will prove satisfactory

satisfactory — it appears to me from all the information I have been able to obtain that after the Company took possession of this District the rates Established for the Punja were just and proper neither bearing too hard upon the Inhabitants or giving up more to them than was necessary: — during the administration of Mursaib the mode of assessment on the Punja was not by any means so oppressive as in that of his Successor Syed Saib in the former Government the Inhabitants were not Assessed according to the numbers of Noolies of Land which might be Cultivated but for the quantity actually Cultivated — Syed Saib at the Commencement of his administration in Fusly 1194 fixed the assessment at 16½ fan.s per Nooly on all arable Punja Land which beyond a doubt was oppressive and caused considerable Emigration. —

In the Cultivation of Nunja I have discovered no oppression in Syed Saibs time and I think it would not be inexpedient to adopt a mode of Collection similar to his: — 6¼ Cullums of Paddy p% were allowed to the Inhabitants as their Swatantrum — the remaining 93¾ Cullums were equally divided, one half falling to the Circar the other to the Inhabitants

In Fusly 1194

	Chuk.s fs
Syed Saib Collected on Punja - - - - - - - - - -	80000 ..
& on Nunja of Paddy which at the rate it was then sold 6½ fan.s per Cullum make - - - - -	45000 .
Fusly 1194 Total Collections Chuckrums .	125000 .

But in two following years 1195 & 1196 on an average only 45000 Chk.s were Collected on Punja & the emigration of the Inh.ts accounts for the decrease

Punja	45000
[illegible] Own	45000

Brought over — 45000 .

However on the Mirza
In Consequence of the equitable Assessment Cultivation increased } 55000 -
and therefore Collected Mirza

Fusly 1195/6 Average Collections Chul — 100000

at the Commencement of Fusly 1197 Syed Saib Rented out the Circar Lands for 100000 Chul and the Renters were enabled to make good their payments this Circumstance may be easily accounted for when it is Considered that a very large force was Constantly kept up in the District which force was employed in guarding the Country from the incursions of Refractory Poligars, & the depredations of the Colleries in the adjacent District.—

I Conceive it Gentlemen to be my duty while speaking of the State of this Province to draw your attention to the Injury the Revenue Sustains from the very small number of Troops which are at present Stationed in it:— I will draw a Comparison between the protection afforded to the Barrahmahl and Dindigul in the former there are five Battalions of Sepoys it is Certain I believe that there has been Seldom if ever Occasion to employ Troops in that Province for the Collection of the Revenue but the very Circumstance of so large a force being Stationed in it is of itself sufficient to ensure the tranquillity of the Country It is also to be Considered that the Barrahmahl is not from its Situation Subject to the Inroads of Colleries and that there are no Poligars in the District to molest the Inhabitants & to impede Cultivation. the Dindigul District is Remote

and

and a frontier — Coimbatoor Daraporam and Caroor are Situated to the west north west and South west Trichinopoly to the north and north east, Madura to the east and Easterly Travancore to the Southward in the former part of this address I took Occasion to mention the loss Sustained to the Revenue from the Conduct of the Rajah of Travancore's People, and the depredations of the Colleries of Madura and experience shews the inconvenience the Inhabitants have Suffered from our vicinity to Coimbatore &c but these Circumstances are of little Consideration when Compared with the injury Sustained by the Inhabitants in Consequence of the Refractory and Turbulent Conduct of the Poligars (of which there are twenty four) immediately Situated in the District and Tributarys to the Company: — Scarcely a day elapses but that Complaints are made from every part of the Circar Lands of the People having Suffered from the Poligars adherents there are no means of affording them redress. —

The Revenue of Course Suffers most materially from the last mentioned Circumstance the Inhabitants to avoid oppression from the Poligars not unfrequently Quit the Circar Lands and settle in the Pollams: — where their property is more secure

To Resume the thread of my narative I have already Remarked that the arrangement for the Rooya since the Company took possession of the District appears to me to be equitable but I have no hesitation

me saying that in the Munja the Circar has suffered much loss and cannot discover any reason for altering Syed Saibs assessment he allowed in Fusly 1194 to the Inhabitants 6¼ Cullums of Paddy p. % as their Shodundrum & as have before stated they were satisfied & in the two following years Cultivation increased and the Revenue was augmented each year 10000 Chs the present Regulations are as follows Forty (40) Cullums of Paddy p. % are allowed as Shodundrum and the remaining 60 are equally divided between the Circar and the Inhabitants whereby it appears that the former receives but 30 & the latter 70 Cullums against difference between Syed Saibs assessment he received 46 7/8 p. % and the Inhabitants 52 7/8

I am well aware how difficult it would be to alter the present mode of assessment on the Munja but I have no doubt that it might be done gradually if proper measures were taken

Since I have been employed in the District I have ever been anxious that the Circar Lands should be rented out to the Head Inhabitants of each Talook and in December 1790 when the sole Charge of the Collections was placed in my hands I endeavoured to impress them with an Idea of the benefit that would arise to them from their Concurrence in my opinion but without effect. I very well knew also that since that period my immediate Superior Mr Macleod has left nothing undone to make the same impression but he too as been unsuccessful. I have nothing further to

offer

Gentlemen to your Consideration on the Subject of the Carrin... Lands if it should be your intention to Rent them out the present year, a very watchfull eye ought to be kept over the Renters to do which with effect a Confidential Servant (a Tehsildar) should be placed at the Cusbah of each Talooh & I think that his allowance should be made ample to insure his fidelity if on the other hand you should determine upon keeping the Country in Amanee the greatest Circumspection will be absolutely necessary on the part of the Collector to prevent fraud for he must in fact be in his own Amuldar and Constantly on the move throughout the Country. It may be necessary to add in Conclusion that I conceive the labour of amanee management particularly in this District the Climate of which amongst the Hills is very unhealthy to be too severe for the Constitution of any European, what ever may be your determination, however I shall Chearfully do my best to give Satisfaction, and I have very little doubt but that the Expiration of the present Ticky an accurate knowledge may be Obtained of the Real value of the Country and not sooner. —

The Enclosure No 6 will shew you the exact amount of Revenue drawn from the Pollams before the District became Subject to the Companys authority as also the Tribute since settled to which I have Subjoined some Remarks explanatory of the Cause of decrease: — in

Truly

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Dindigul Octr. 23d 1796

At the Committee for investigating the Conduct of Mr George Wynch the following Persons were examined to the several specific questions delivered in by Mr Wynch on that date.

Viz.

Annunala Chitty		No 1
Vistnama Chetty		2
Nannapeway Moodilly		3
Ram Row		4
Ransinger Row		5
Perwangoody		6
Mootoo Colapilly		7

The Committee Considering the above questions and evidence wholly irrelevant to the defence of Mr Wynch made Reference to Government as to the propriety of admitting it | Vide letter 23d October [illegible] to which under date 3d November arrived on the 7 and directed Mr Munder alone to Conduct the inquiry.

Mr Wynch was furnished with Copy of the abovementioned Letter and desired to attend on the Morning of the 9 the witness were also summoned to the Cutcharee.

Dindigul

Dindegul November 9th 1796

The following witnesses having attended were examined to the specific Questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch—

	Mundasawmy Moodly	No. 8
	Nautamu Chochal Chitty	9
	Pylleyandy Pilly	10
	Pasumjaty Chitty	11
	Seenevausun of Madura	12
	Caleyana Sundaum	13
	Namyia Pilly	14
	Shroff Shochal Chitty	15
	Shamasundara Iyen	16
Decln. A	Rungapa Naique of Yerrafottah	17
	Veerapah Chitty	18
Decln. B	Canauna Sauny Chitty	19

The declarations A and B referred to in No. 17 and 19 were delivered in by Mr. Wynch they were accompanied by the Translation sent herewith — as the Malabar Copies and English Translations are not attested I have been induced to send the very papers Mr. Wynch delivered in that the alteration of a word might not depend on Me or my writers

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Dindigul November 10th

The following persons having attended were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr Wynch —

Leut^r C to O inclusive

Muthaudy Ramasawmy Iyen No 20
Gopaulen Vakeel of Shokampetty — 21
Velladia Naigue late Poligar of Pyney 22
Appanna Pilly — 23
Sipla Narrain Chetty — 24
Nunda Chetty — 25
Ratnama Chetty — 26
Obala Condreen — 27
Venata Iyen — 28
Paracoetty Tombee — 29
Erunt Cawn Subadar of Invalids 30

Mr Wynch delivered in the declaration from C to O inclusive these as they occurred in examination were read to the Poligar for whose answers vide evidence as numbered —

M and N were as Mr Wynch informed me original Cadjans — I have substituted copies for them because they belonging to the office and ought to have been delivered to Mr Harrington previous to my arrival at Dindigul — The Poligar acknowledges they were written by his order but the name of the writer or that they were written by

by order is not specified in the Cadjans.

at the close of the examinations of this day Mr Wynch delivered in the minute A No 1 with accompaniments to A No [illegible] inclusive this minute follows No 30.

Dindigul Nov 11th 1796

The following People attended and were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr Wynch.

Lieut. **P** Trevangoody —— No 31
Lieut. **Q & R** Munsawmy Naigue —— 32
Q & R Narasoppa Naigue —— 33
R Poupoo Naigue —— 34

The Declarations **P Q & R** are attached to the evidence as numbered and were this day delivered in by Mr. Wynch

Dindigul Nov. 12th

The following persons attended and were examined to the specific questions delivered by Mr. Wynch.

Virootoopa Naigue —— No 35
Lieut. **R** Moottoo Moodely —— 36
R Coopasawmy Chetty —— 37

Narrain

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	R	Narain savmy Naigue	No 38
Lieut	R S T & U	Murdunaigum Pilley	39
	R	Nautumma Shokal Chetty	40
	R	Womayoroo Pungum Pilley	41
Lieut	S T & U	Sevenaquik of Maroor	42
	S T U	Tottiar Ramasawmy	43
	S T U	Mulpaudy Ramasawmy	44
	S T U	Shackampully Gopaulen	45
Lieut	V W	Sandalay	46
Lieut	X	Sankaramoortey	47
Lieut	Y	Sawmy Chetty	48
Lieut	Z.	Seobaray Chetty	49
Lieut	a	Chunmsogum	50
Lieut	b	Nagoor Rawtten	51
Lieut	c	Smale Rowtten	52
Lieut	d	Pira Mura Rawtten	53
Lieut		Mahommed Labbay	54

Mr Wynch also delivered in the papers B No 1 & B No 2 immediately following No 54 of the evidence as minutes of his own to be recorded

Dindigul 13th Novr 1796

The following People attended this day and were examined

examined to the specific questions delivered by Mr Wynch

Lieut. STU Narriah — — No 55

Sundabay — 56

Chennogum — 57

Ismall Aravettum — 58

Parameerah Aravettum — 59

Lieut. F Chedumbra Mustely — 60

Mauryapa Chinnagai 61

Ram Pursandum — 62

Dindegul 15 Novr.

The Vakeels of the different Poligars having attended were this day examined to the specific questions deli[vered] by Mr Wynch.

Ameenaignoor — No 63

Jeercalaporam — 64

Pulliapa naignoor — 65

Deodanaputty — 66

Vadagunnay — 67

Amattera — 68

Chochamputty — 69

Towashmada — 70

Bodee naignoor — 71

Yerracottah — 72

Gollapah naignenoor — 73

Guntup naigue — 74

Yerrasm

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Yerranamoor ... No. 75

Lett 3 - Lingamanaigar ... 76

Dindigul 16 Novr 1796

The following Persons having attended were this day examined to the Specific Questions and Declarations delivered in by Mr. Mynch

Lett h - Caunumaul ... No. 77
Lett i - Pariacolum Vencatachelum Pilly ... 78
Lett k - Moetoo Vencuta Iyen ... 79
Lett l - Sanaapputty pilly ... 80
Permaulven of Iyagoody ... 81
Castkeeper Pylneyandee ... 82
Permaul Pinnacaunen ... 83
Baularamoodrum Yerianin 84
Gittyvandoo Naigue ... 85
Iyagoody Pattunanden ... 86
Paria Monagar ... 87
Chavendapa Monagar ... 88
Cootty Iyen ... 89
Calavanchitty ... 90
Chucker Rawttun ... 91
Ismall Rawttun ... 92
Pundeda Comarasawmy ... 93
Samul Monagar ... 94
Kunnakenputty Mullalgen 95
Pinnakaunee Kunnaken 96

Valer

Valien Sherugar - - - No 97

This day Mr. Wynch delivered in the Papers immediately following No 97 from C No 1 to C No 8 inclusive

Dindigul Novr 18th

The following evidences were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch

Soobaroy Vakeel of Madoor No 98
Appragee Pilly - - - - - - - 99
Sawmy nauda Pilly - - - - 100
Cantemutty Nauda moody 101
Narrain sawmy naigue - - - 102
Mootteea moodely - - - - - 103

This day Mr. Wynch delivered in D No 1 which immediately follows No 103

Dindigul 19 Novr

The following evidences were examined to the Specific questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch

Lieut.
m. n. o.

{ Cunda pillah
Iyacoothy Iyen
Cabana Soondarum
Nottama Shockainchitty } No 104

Ayana

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Aganauchaury ---- No 105 91
~~Soobauachaury~~ ---- 106
Lieut. Dod ---- 107

Mr Wynch delivered in the papers Marked E No 1 following the evidence No 104 and preceding the references m n o and also F No 1 directly following No 107 —

Dindigul Novr 20th 1796

Coopiah Vakeel of Madoor No 108 attended and was examined to the Several Specific questions and Declarations q r s immediately following No 108

At the Close of this examination Mr Wynch delivered in the papers marked G No 1 to G No 5 inclusive and also those from H No 1 to H No 7 inclusive the whole of which are entered in the order they were delivered

About an hour afterwards Mr Wynch's Servant brought me the following Letters —

No 1

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

&c &c

Sir

Having gone through the examination of as many witnesses as I conceive necessary for my General justification and as the remaining points will be simply extracts from the Records of which I have notes which must necessarily

take

take some time in arranging I shall not longer intrude on your time but submit them immediately to Government.

It was my intention to have entered on proof respecting the Claims of Vyapoory naigue — but as the Pollam of Pyleny is Sequestered the further investigation of that Subject would least to alarm the minds of the Inhabitants unnecessarily I shall therefore wave it —

Dindigul
20 November 1796

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Wynch

No 2

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector &c.

Sir,

as 5 of my Servants who were Confined by Messrs. Harrington and Macleod are still Prisoners I request on their part — that their crimes may be given in to me previous to my proceeding to the presidency —

I request to be informed whether you hold yourself at liberty to Release them from Confinement on such Security being procured as you may deem adequate to the Charges alledged against them in the event of which if you object to their Remaining in this District they shall

shall accompany me to the Presidency — 93

I have the Honor to be

Dindigul

&c.a &c.a

20 Nov.r 1796

(Signed) George Wynch

To this Letter no answer was sent Mr Wynch as I did not conceive those who were the Servants of the Sircar during Mr Wynch's management could with the least degree of propriety be demanded as his Servants.

From that day to this I have had no Letter respecting them — and as Mr Wynch went hence for Vellore on the morning of the 24th I trust the business I was deputed to close will be considered as finished.

Dindigul

27 November 1796 —

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Dindigul October 23^d. 1796.

At the Committee for investigating the Conduct of Mr. George Wynch the following persons were examined to the several specific questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch on that date.

Viz^t.	Annuda Shitty	No. 1
	Kistnama Shitty	2
	Namasevoy Moodelly	3
	Ram Row	4
	Narsing Row	5
	Trevangoody	6
	Mootoo Erlapilloy	7

The Committee conceiving the above questions and evidence wholly irrelevant to the defence of Mr. Wynch made reference to Government as to the propriety of admitting it (Vide letter 23^d. October) an answer to which under date 3^d. November arrived on the 8th and directed Mr. Harris alone to conduct the enquiry.

Mr. Wynch was furnished with copy of the above mentioned letter and desired to attend on the Morning of the 9th the Witnesses were also summoned to the Cacharee

Dindigul November 9th 1796

The following witnesses having attended were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch

Mrindy Sawmy Moodelly - - - No 8.

Natama Shoka Shitty - - - - - 9.

Pytney Andy Pillay - - - - - - 10.

Paranjoty Chitty - - - - - - - 11.

Seenevasien of Madoor - - - - 12.

Calegana Sundarum - - - - 13.

Nunjia Pillay - - - - - - - - 14.

Shroff Shoka Chitty - - - - - - 15

Shomasundrum Iyen - - - - - 16.

Decln. A Rungapah Naique of Yerrecotta - 17

Veerapah Chitty - - - - - - - 18

Decln. B Comarasawmy Chitty - - - - - - 19

The declarations A and B referred to in Nos 17 and 19 were delivered in by Mr. Wynch - they were accompanied by the translatio sent herewith - as the Malabar copies and English translations are not attested - I have been induced to send the very papers Mr. Wynch delivered in - that the alteration of a word might not depend on me - or my writers -

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Dindigul Novr. 10th

The following persons having attended were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch—

Mulparudy Ramasawmy Iyen - - - No. 20.

Gopaul Iyen Vakeel of Shokampetty - - 21.

Deck. C to O. inclusive — Vellaida naigue late Poligar of Pylney - - - 22.

Appagee Pillah - - - - - - 23

Aude Narrain Chetty - - - - 24.

Ananda Chetty - - - - - - 25

Kishnama Chetty - - - - - 26.

Obala Condeen - - - - - - 27.

Venkata Iyen - - - - - - 28.

Para booty Tombee - - - - 29

Enaut Cawn Subadar of Invalids - - - - 30.

Mr. Wynch delivered in the declaration from C to O inclusive — these as they occurred in Examination were read to the Poligar — for whose answers — Vide evidence as numbered

M and N were as Mr. Wynch informed me original Codjans — I have substituted copies for them because they belonging to the office and ought to have been delivered to Mr. Harington previous to my arrival at Dindigul. the Poligar acknowledges they were written by his order

but

but the name of the writer or that they were written by order is not specified in the Cadjans -

At the close of the examinations of this day Mr. Wynch delivered in the minute A No. 1. with accompaniments to A No. 7 inclusive - this minute follows No. 30 -

Dindigul Novr. 11th 1796 -

The following people attended and were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch -

Decl.n P - Trevangoody - - - - - - No. 31.

Decl.n Q & R Munnauroo Naigue - - - - 32

Q & R Narnapa Naigue - - - - 33

R Paupoo Naigue - - - - - - 34.

The declarations P, Q & R are attended to the evidence as numbered - and were this day delivered in by Mr. Wynch -

Dindigul Novr. 12th

The following persons attended and were examined to the specific questions delivered by Mr. Wynch -

Vardapa Naigue - - - - No. 35

Decl.n R Mootiah Moodelly - - - - 36.

R Coopasawmy Chetty - - - - 37.

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R Narrain Sawmy Naigue No. 38

Decd. R. S. T & U - Mundernaiguen Pillay ---- 39.

R Nuttama Shoka Shitty --- 40.

R Womayoor Pauguni Pillay --- 41.

Decd. S T & U - Seenivassiah of Madoor -- 42.

S T U - Totanoot Comarasawmy - 43.

S T U - Mulpaudy Ramasawmy - 44.

S T U Shohumputty Gopaulien -- 45

Decd. V W Sandaboy ------- 46.

Decd. X Sankermoorty ------ 47.

Decd. Y - Sawmy Chitty ------ 48.

Decd. Z Soobaroy Chitty ------- 49.

Decd. a Chunmoogum ------- 50

Decd. b Nagoor Ravuttun ----- 51.

Decd. c Imaec Ravuttun ----- 52.

Decd. d Peria Meera Ravuttun ---- 53

Decd. - e Mahomed Labbay ----- 54.

Mr. Wynch also delivered in the paper 13 No. 1 and 13 No. 2 immediately following No. 54 of the evidence as minutes of his own to be recorded.

Dindigul 13th Novr. 1796.

The following people attended this day and

were

were examined to the specific questions delivered by Mr. Wynch.

Decr. S.T.U Narsiah - - - - - - - No. 55.

Saundaboy - - - - - - - - - 56.

Chennogum - - - - - - - - 57.

Ismail Tabetten - - - - - - 58.

Parra Meera Tavitteen - - 59.

Decr. I Chedumbara Moodelly - - 60.

Maryapah Serrwagar - - 61.

Ramaprisaudum - - - - 62.

Dindigul 15th Novr.

The Vakeels of the different Polligars having attended were this day examined to the specific questions delivered by Mr. Wynch.

Ammenaigmoor - - - - No. 63.

Yemaalapoorem - - - - - 64.

Pulleapah Naigmoor - - - - 65

Deodanaputty - - - - - 66

Vadagarry - - - - - - - - 67.

Ammetterra - - - - - - - 68.

Chokumputty - - - - - - 69.

Tawash Mada - - - - - - 70.

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Badeenaignoor ---- No 71.

Yerracotta ------ 72

Gollapah Naignoor ---- 73.

Guntup Naigue ---- 74.

Yereechanoor ------ 75

Decln --- g Lingam Monegar ---- 76.

Dindigul 16th Novr 1796

The following persons having attended were this day examined to the specific questions and declarations delivered in by Mr. Wynch -

Decln --- h Cannumaul --------- No 77.

Decln --- i Periacollum Vinkatachellum Pilly - 78.

Decln --- k Mootoo Vinkett Iyer ---- 79

Decln --- l Savaputty Pillay ---- 80.

Permaul Iyer of Sagoody --- 81.

Cash keeper Pylney Andy --- 82.

Permaul Punnakarren --- 83.

Balsamoodrum Yerramen --- 84.

Getty vandoo Naigue ---- 85.

Iyagoody Puttanauden ---- 86.

Peria Monegar ------- 87.

Chavendapah Monegar ---- 88.

Cotty Iyer ---- 89.

Calo

Calavan Chitty - - - No 90.

Chuker Tavettun - - - - 91.

Ismaul Tavettun - - - - 92

Pundeda Comarsawmy - - 93.

Saumul Nouyggar - - - 94

Kunnakenputty Nullalgen - 95

Punnakaure Kunnaken - - 96.

Valien Sharvagar - - - 97.

This day Mr Wynch delivered in the paper immediately following No 97. from C No 1 to C No 8 inclusive -

Dindigul Novr 18th

The following evidences were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr Wynch.

Soobaroy Vakeel of Madoor - - - No 98.

Appagee Pillah - - - - - - 99.

Saumy Naida Pillah - - - - 100.

Cantemattty Naida Moody - - - 101.

Narrain Sawmy Naique - - - 102.

Mootiah Moodelly - - - - - 103.

This day Mr Wynch delivered in D No 1 wh immediately follows No 103.

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Dindigul 19th Nov.

The following evidences were examined to the specific questions delivered in by Mr. Wynch.

Decl. m. n. o.	Currda pillah Jacooty Iyen Caleyana Soondarum Nattama Shokum Chitty	No. 104
	Aganacharry	105.
	Soobanacharry	106
	Lieut. Dad	107

Mr. Wynch Delivered in the papers marked E No. 1 following the evidence No. 104 and preceding the references m. n. o. and also F. No. 1. directly following No. 107

Dindigul Nov. 20th 1796.

Coopiah Vakeel of Madoor No. 108 attended and was examined to the several specific questions and declarations q. r. s. immediately following No. 108.

At the close of this examination Mr. Wynch delivered in the papers marked G No. 1. to G No. 5 inclusive and also those from H No. 1 to H No. 7 inclusive the whole of which are entered in the order they were delivered

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about an hour afterwards - Mr. Wynchs servant brought me the following letters -

No 1.

To T: B: Hurdis Esqr.

&c. &c.

Sir

Having gone through the examination of as many ~~~~ witnesses as I conceive necessary for my general justification and as the remaining points will be simply extracts from the records of which I have notes - which must necessarily take some time in arranging - I shall not longer intrude on your time - but submit them immediately to Government -

It was my intention to have entered on proof respecting the claims of Vyapoory Naigue - but as the Pollam of Pylney is sequestered - the further investigation of that subject would lead to alarm the minds of the Inhabitants unnecessarily I shall therefore waive it

I have the honor to be

Dindigul

&c. &c. &c.

28th. Novr. 1796 -

(Signed) George Wynch -

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No 2

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector &c.

Sir

As 5 of my Servants who were confined by Messrs. Harington and Macleod are still Prisoners I request on their part that their Crimes may be given in to me previous to my proceeding to the presidency –

I request to be informed whether you hold yourself at liberty to release them from confinement on such security being procured as you may deem adequate to the charges alledged against them in the event of which if you object to their remaining in this district they shall accompany me to the Presidency –

I have the honor to be

Dindigul
20th Novr 1796.

Yr. &c.
(Signed) George Wynch

To this letter no answer was sent Mr. Wynch as I did not conceive those who were the servants of the Sirkar during Mr. Wynchs management could with the least degree of propriety be demanded as his Servants –

From

From that day to this I have had no letter respecting them - and as Mr. Wynch went hence for Vellore on the Morning of the 24th. I trust the business I was deputed to close will be considered as finished -

Dindigul
27th. Novr. 1796

Mr George [illegible] delivered the following Papers to Mr J. B. [illegible]
[illegible] 12th November 1796 —

From the Examination of the late Poligar of Pylney it appears that he refers to a Petition given in of a prior date before Messrs Harrington & Macleod, in which he affirms to have mentioned that 1700 Chuckrums was paid to Vassoo Pilly — this Evidence is Corroborated by Aununda Row Vakeel who adds that the Money was paid in 2 Payments these Circumstances I believe to be true for Money nearly Corresponding with the Sum mentioned was paid and Credited to the Company in October In Respect to the Obligation for 3000 Chuckrums it may be true, but it is observable the Vakeel adds that on this account nothing was paid — a Circumstance that Militates very much in favor of my Servants. — That from the time the Tribute was reduced to 16000 it hath been customary to pass such agreements. I know the first Year for 5. the succeeding ones for 3000 each. the Sum of 5000 Chut for Fusily 1200 was publicly Demanded, and I have no doubt but the Original in Malabar is now in possession of Lieut. Colonel Floyd as he Seized all the Poligars papers when Baulasamoodrum was taken that Year a Separate Sunnud was granted to Jagoody who paid 1000 Chut to the Circar. an Account Nuzers was likewise given me by Aununda Row Amounting to 37550 Rupees, he likewise informed of 10.000 Chut and 4000 Pagodas making a Total of 63550 Rupees Disbursed in Nuzers from Pylney of which Sum 5000 Chut was not in Cash but the Sum mentioned on the Bond from Vellaida Naique to Vencatachellum — under these Circumstances I think it probable (although I never heard of it) that the Poligar might have passed a Bond for Fusily 1204. Similar to those he had been in the Custom of passing for each preceeding Fusily nothing having been demanded on that Account is certainly a very strong Circumstance in favor of my Servants as it proves my Orders in this Respect were obeyed In this Single instance wilfull Perjury has not I believe been [illegible] the Poligar [illegible] Chitty who [illegible]

The [following] is a Statement of the Several Sums Credited to the Company. —

	March	1136 – . – .	
	2 p. Cent on Do.	22 – 7 – 8	1158 – 7 – 8
	May	5004 – . – .	
	2 p. Cent on Do.	100 – . – 32	5104 – . – 32
July	Jagoody	1000 – . – .	
	2 p. Cent	20 – . – .	1020 – . – .
	August	1960 – . – .	
	2 p. Cent	39 – 2 – .	1999 – 2 – .
	September	490 – . – .	
	2 p. Cent	9 – 8 – .	499 – 8 – .
	October	1778 – 5 – .	
	2 p. Cent	35 – 5 – 28	1814 – . – 28
		Canty Chuckrums	11595 – 8 – 28

by which it will appear that Canty Chuckrums 499 – 8 – was Credited to the Company in September whereas it is given in by the Shroff as 500 Chus. paid for Yavannay on the 10th of that Month — The Total payments said to have been made by the Shroff are 9200 – 1700 and 550 makes a Total of 11450 whereas the Company was Credited for 11595 – 8 – 28 as appears by the Account Current – being the actual Sum Received including the Jagoody Tribute — That the Sum of 1818 Chus. 28 Cash of which 1700 is stated as a Nuzer was made in 2 payments and that 1318 Chus. – 28 Cash was subsequent to October will be proved by the Demand Collection and Ballance for November — for although the Sum had actually been Disbursed from the Pollam prior to the Seizure of Vellaida Naique on the 6th of October the payment was not made good by the Shroff until the Month of November – on which Account only 500 Chus. appeared on the short Demand Collection transmit —

On the 1st November altho' the Remainder having been paid early in that Month was Credited in the October Account

and appeared in the Dimand Collution and Ballance transmitted with the Monthly Accounts on the 17th November 1795 – a reference to this Acco Irequest may be made to prove the Perjury of the Shroff Andeynarain Chitty

Attested Copies of 2 Letters to Vissoo Pillay and a Memorandum given him by Colonel Oliver are offered together with 12 Extracts from the Records and the Accounts given in by Arunundaroo together with 2 Cadjans. –

The 2 Cadjans from Volaida Naigue and two Letters from Mr Wrangham together with the Penalty Bond & Memorandum given to my Servants are offered to prove the Cruel Confinement Seroovarinungoody was given up to by Lieutt Col. Oliver from Mercenary motives and meant as Colateral proof of the perjury of Lt. Colonel Oliver and his Servant Auroonachellum. –

Signed / George Wynch

Dindigul
10th Novr 1796

My Good Friend

I expect to have the pleasure of hearing that you return with good health from the Vally – Mr Wynch informs me that he intends to come here immediately, which will afford you an opportunity of doing me much Service – be assured that the kindness I shall experience from you will be handsomely requited, and both myself & Friends will gratefully acknowledge it. – I beg you will be a Friend to my Dubash, Vencatachellum and bring him with you as he is intrusted with all my Concerns. – Their Pylney People will not be quiet & you will find it very necessary to punish them. –

I have the pleasure to be with my good wish –

Your very sincere Friend
Signed / James Oliver

Pylney
May 26th 1795

A True Copy / Signed / George Wynch

My Good Friend

I have for many days past promised myself the pleasure of hearing that you was returned to Dindigul: but as the Season is advancing, and this Velaaid Naigue may begin to dispose of the Grain of which there is more than sufficient to pay his Rents and discharge his Debts. — I shall not delay longer applying to you for the friendly assistance you so kindly Offered. to recover what he Owes me you perhaps do not Know. that he has not paid a Pagoda of his Debts either last or this Year. consequently that he has the Revenue of his Country at present in his possession. — and I believe it to be in truth that he has at this Moment more than forty thousand (40,000) Chuck in Spice. — I had come to the Resolution before you came to Dindigul. to have no other concern than that of recovering the Money. I had out in the Country, and I am now willing to dispose of Valaid Naigue's Bonds. for what they amounted to on the 31st. last December — paying me One p. Ct. pr. Month for that Sum to the day of purchase, which is the Interest I pay for the Money this would probably suit Mr. Wynch or you. as it would not be attended with the least trouble to recover it. —

I made up my Mind to return to my Native Country & Friends from whom I have been seperated for twenty six Years. next January with Mr. Porcher, & I rely much upon your Kindness & friendship to be able to accomplish it, whatever favor I receive from your friendship. rest Assured shall not be unrewarded and my friends at Madras will be as thankful as I can be, and will be always ready to render you in return, every Service in their power but the name you will acquire by serving me, will ever redound to the Credit of your Family. — No Person is, or ever shall be acquainted with what I have proposed to you. — I rely entirely on you, and am

very sincerely Yours —

(Signed) James Oliver

Pylney
April 19th. 1795

A True Copy (Signed) George Wynch

Vauxoo Dava Pilly, Moodelier

1794 10th April To a Bond Chuckrums 24500 @ 16½ fans. for Star Pags.	"	"	"	14848	8	"
20th Novr. To a Bond P. N. Ps. 11874 @ 15 p Ct.	"	"	"	10325	3	24
20th Novr. To a Bond	"	"	"	4295	"	"
				29468	11	24
Interest on 24500 Chs. from 10th April '94 to 31st December '95. being 20 Months & 21 days @ 3 p Ct is Chs. 15214 @ 16½ fanams	9220	15	"			
Interest on 11874 P. N. Pags. from 20th November '94, to the 31st Decemr. '95. being 13 Months - 12 days	4150	11	12			
Interest on 4295 Star Pagodas from 20th Nov. '94. to 31st December '95. being 13 Months - 12 days @ 3 p Ct.	1726	8	18	15098	1	30
Total Star Pagodas				44566	13	6

To Colonel Cappage

Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

I beg the favor of you to allow the Guard now over Teroovaugoody late Predauney of Vallaida Naique to proceed with him to Pylney, there will be no necessity for the Guards remaining with him after his Arrival at Pylney, as I shall request of Captain Oliver to place one with him for the protection of his Person

I have the Honor to be
Sir, Your most obedient
humble Servant

Dindigul
15th October 1794

(Signed) J. Wangham
Assistant Collector

To Captain Oliver

Commanding at Pylney

Sir,

Vellaida Naigue having informed me that the Acct.s of his late Minister Terrvangody, are unadjusted, and having requested that I would send him to Pylney, for the purpose of making the Ad-justment. I beg the favor of you to take such Measures as you may deem most adviseable for the protection of his Person, and his Family during the time he may sojourn at Balasundrum at which place it will be necessary for him to reside. — You will perceive by the enclosed Muchalkah which I have taken from the Poligar that preparatory steps have been adopted on the Subject, but as I have little faith in his Asseverations I deem it expedient, to address you as above.

Dindigul
15th October 1794

I have the Honor to be
Sir, Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Wrangham
Assist. Collector

Translation of a Declaration given by Aunundarow Vakeel to Valaid Naigue Poligar of Pylney - dated 25th January 1796

When my Employer Valaid Naigue was in his Pollam Captain Oliver has first asked him, what was the Reason he did not Pay the Money which he owes him, and has afterwards said to him thus. "If "you do not wish to pay my Money. I assure you it can by no means "remain unpaid though the Company's Money perhaps remain Ballance "for that Money. you should not consider it is only mine but Mr. Cockburn "and Mr. Brickers in the Board of Revenue at Madras. and if you should "not soon pay off this Money. you may Rely upon it. that I shall forth-

"be obliged to write a private Letter to Mr. Cockburn preferring any Complaint
"against you, to make you Guilty to the Company; take your Prisoner, –
"Sequester your Pollam and to take possession of your Effects instead of
"my Money." – Sir, notwithstanding this Captain Olivers Dubash –
Vencatachellum Moodelly as often said to me, whenever he saw me,
that I might know what Conversation was at my presence take place
between his Master Captain Olivir and my Employer and that in Case
it should appear that his Masters Money will be impossible to be
recovered from my Employer. – his Master will immediately write a
Letter privately to Mr. Cockbourn Member of the Board of Revenue
on the Subject, Seize my Employer, Confine him in Irons, and
make him meet with some inconvenience, and that I must –
therefore inform all this to my Employer and make him soon pay
off his Masters Money. – likewise Captain Olivir, Gomastah Perian
and his Writer Arnachella Moodely have also twice or thrice
said to me the same as Vencatachellum Moodelly did. for which
I answered them. – "I am a Vakeel & nothing can be done by me
"but I will use all my Utmost influence and make my Employer
"pay off their Masters Money." – Sir, the Sum of Money which
my Employer Valaid Naique borrowed from Captain Olivir,
is very small, which Captain Olivir has considerably encreased by
adding on high Interest of 4 Per Cent Per month, settling the Accounts
every 3 Months, and encreasing the Bond on that period for the
Amount Calculated including Interest, which I dare say will
prove certain to you on your Examination between the account
of Captain Olivir and of Valaid Naique, Captain Olivirs Dubash
Vencatachellum Moodely & Gomastah Perian, used to tell me
when ever they saw me; that my Employer has put off the –
Payment of their Money depending vainly upon your protection
and –

and that it does not lie in your Power to forbid him to pay the Money, and that you are nothing but under the Authority of Mr. Cockbourn a Member in the Board of Revenue. — As Mr. Cockbourn is under you of which my Employer is quit Ignorant, though they have repeatedly warned him of the misfortune he should meet with; for he is nothing but a Wild beast, and that should it prove Uncertain what they said to us, we may ask those that came from Madras, who, is the Chief in Authority, either Mr. Cockbourn or Mr. Hyrch, then we can be well acquain-ted with it. — Sir, at last according to their words, my Employer Valaid Naigue was obliged to meet with present misfortunes. — I have therefore had the Honor to inform you what I know since the dealing of Money was taken place between Captain Olivir and my Employer, & of what I had hitherto heard from Captain Olivir and his Servants. —

(Signed) Aunundrow
Vakeel to Valaid Naigue

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Mr. George Wynch deliver'd the following Papers to Mr. J. B. Hurdis
dated 12th. November 1796. —

Being informed that Sawmy Naudun Pylney Pundaurum has affirmed that Teeroovaungoody the Amildar of Pylney and Sawmy Moodelly Tosildar of the Pollams came and informed them that they need not be under any apprehensions respecting their fate. for that they would procure their release provided they would declare having seen 4 Bullocks Loads and 10 or 12 Cooley Loads of property pass towards Tagoody. — That they expressed their fear of so doing, but afterwards signed a Paper, signifying the same and delivered it to Teeroovaungoody Sawmy Moodely and Vasso pilly — all of which he Sawmy Naudun now declares to be false In Refutation of Perjury so palpable Translation of the Declaration of Chinna Pundaurum is given in under date the 4th. November 1795. — the proceedings of the Committee will evince that Teeroovaungoody was not appointed Amildar until the Month of January following. — Translation of a Letter from the Poligar of Veeropatchee & Extract of a Letter from Lieutt. Colonel Oliver (the Originals of which was delivered to Mr. Wm. Harrington) are likewise offered to prove that the fact was notorious consequently had not the information been voluntarily offered by the Pundaurum it never could have been required. — The latter part of the Pundaurums Declaration is equally false as will be proved by the several Persons mentioned by the Pundaurum — who are now ready to attest on Oath to the facts given in by them in January 1796. —

Translation of a Declaration given by Chinnah Pundaurum ~~[illegible]~~ and Edoomba Sawmy Nauda Pundaurum of Pylney dated 5th. November 1795. —

On the 10th. of October last when we were upon the Top of Pylney Rock about 10 Peons came from Tagoody, tied and took us Prisoners to Condum Naique, who then said to the Peons how dare they bring us without having first flogged us, and at the same time Ordered them to carry us, and Cut our Heads off. after we were accordingly

accordingly carried to some distance, he sent for us back again, and said that as we have usurped the properties of some Pundaurums at Pylney we must pay him a Sum of 2000 Chul. and that as we were friends to Vellaida Naique we should know the place where Vellaida Naique has secured his Effects we must declare it. — for which we answered him, that we neither knew the place, nor are we able to pay the said Sum; then he ordered us to be Confined in Irons after we were accordingly Confined, he used to send for us once in two or three days and ask us (after we were flogged) will we declare the Truth and pay the said Sum, for which we used to declare to him our inability of paying Money and Ignorance of the said truth; afterwards he ordered us to be put in double Irons, when we were accordingly in that Confinement in the Choultry called Tallagaury at the North Gate of Tagoody Fort, under the Guard of Ponnoomala Chenugar we 10 days past about 2 o'clock in the Night observed 20 or 30 Matchlock Peons enter the said Fort with 10 of the Bullocks, and other 10 of the Cooley Loads through the Public Road being opposite to us, when Calendaywaloo Chervagar asked his Brother-inlaw the aforesaid Ponnoomala Chervigar what things are those, which were at this time entering the Fort, he said to him, that some things and some ready Money belonging to Pylney Vellaida Naique are entering the Fort, when he has further asked him where they came from — he answered him that they were sent by Poojaury Moongar as p.r Order from Soonambo Combay, a secret place where they were Secured, & that those that were loaded upon Bullocks, are all Brass Vessels and those which 10 Cooleys have carried are all ready Money amounting to 20,000 Chul. which we amply heard and have seen with our own Eyes the things and Money that were carried into the Fort. — This is our own Declaration given with our own Consent. —

Signed / Sawmy Naudr Pundaurum
Chinna Pundaurum —

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Translation of a Malabar Letter from Coopala Naigue Polygar of Veerapatchee. —

I have the honor to state that all the Effects of Pylney are secured at Iagoody of which you will be perfectly assured by accompanying Cadjan received from my Villages of Poodoovarputty — when you was at Pylney it was the determination of Valaid Naigues People to seize both you and Mistress & Keep Prisoners at Valasay a secret place until Valaid Naigue is released. but they have afterwards put it in negligence: considering that they may do it. after the expiration of 5 days. when they would know whether Valaid Naigue would be released, or not. — This is a true account which I was informed of by somebody at Pylney. — I am very careful in transacting the Companys business agreeable to your Orders. — I hope you'll Honor me with your Sunnud giving me an Instruction for my future behaviour. —

Translation of a Cadjan from Cunday Sawmy Gounden of Poodoovarputty Village. to Veerapatchee Poligar. —

On Thursday last I have with my own Eyes seen Valaid — Naigues Man from Lingraudy. pass through our Village of Poodoovarputty & carried 6 Cooley loads of Gold and Money & 11 of Brass Vessels to Iyagoody Guarded by 10 of the Iyagoody people. which I let pass thinking if I stopt them. You'll became angry with me. — I hope you will give me an Instruction for my future behaviour. —

Extract of a Letter from Captain Oliver under date 31st March 1796. —

On the 11th October two days after I left Baulsamoodram the Mother of Valaid Naigue sent people to that place to dig up ten — thousand (10,000) Chuckrums with which they returned to her. — and on the 15th

15th twelve men loaded with Valuables (those mentioned by the Poligar in his Letter to you of the 6th) arrived at Iyagoody from Ramghery by the way of Yenacottah. —

From the foregoing it will appear that if the Pundaurums were Suborned to give the Declaration respecting the Pylney property at Iyagoody it must have been by the joint influence of Lieutt. Colonel Oliver and the Poligar of Veerapatchee, that they were in habits of Confidential Com-munications appears from the Evidence given by Lieutt. Col. Oliver on the 28th July 1796 & by his allowing the Native Doctor of the then 13th Battalion Native Infantry to enter into the Service of the Pollam of Veerapatchee on a Salary of 20 Rupees pr. month. —

Dindigul —
12th Novr. 1796 }

(Signed) George Hynch

Mr. George Wynch. delivered the following Papers to Mr. J. B. Hurdis - 16th [illegible]76

Having been informed by the Committee (Messrs. Har-
-rington & Macleod) that the Predauney & Vakeel of Iycoody af-
-firmed that Hobein was the legal Heir to the Pollam of
Iycoody, & that the Vakeel further affirmed that he was
enjoined to silence on this Subject by Vassoodewapillay &
that when called before me & interrogated respecting the
Succession he Vassoodewapillay interpreted & commanded him
not to mention Hobein -

In refutation to their assertions I desire to Inform
that the Examination was public in the presence of at least
50 persons Obella Condum, Cootey Tomby, & Vencata Iyen being
prisoners the Guard were likewise present Hobein was men-
-tioned as the illegitimate Son of Juncam Naick his mo-
-ther having been a Gentoo Woman, Moodee Vencutun
& his Brother were acknowledged as the only remaining
legitimate decendants of Comara Condama Naick - on this
principle the decent submitted to the Board of Revenue
was made out - I now offer the decent of Comara Condama
Naick including the daughters & illegitimate Sons together
with Translation of Letters from the Polygar of Verpatchee
& Cunden Gowden predaun of Iycoody the latter was Trans-
-mitted to the Board of Revenue on the 19th of March in
which he refers to the Vakeel Rungun who explained
in a very Satisfactory Manner the Claims of Moodee Ven-
-catun - alledging that independent of this Hereditary rights
he claimed as the adopted Son of Obella Condama that
Poligar having previous to his death invested him, a cir-
-cumstance admitted by Chinna Vencatun who had alle-
-ged on the part of Obella Condamnaick that the father of
moodee

Moodee Vencatta Naick (Obyen) having been a son by a third wife of Comara Condama Naick ought not to succeed in preference to the decendants of Nella Condama Naick. He :bein was mentioned as a decendant but never as a Clamearton the Contrary immediately on the death of the late Polygar he swore fealty to Moodee Vencaty Iyen & was so totally exclude from the time of Succession that altho decended from the Brother the funeral Obsequies were adjudged to be performed by Permall Iyen as the next in affinity after Moodee Vencatin - These Circumstances will be proved by a great variety of Evi:dence. the Mother of Velaud Naick who is generally Consi:dered as the Sister of the late Nella Condama Naick is in fact his cousin having been the 2.nd daughter of Juncama Naick father to the present Hobeen by his wife Chuckriama

Not having been present at the examination of Moodee Vencateen Condia Gounden or Rungeen I think it necessary to offer a Cadjan sent to my writer in the Month of July of which the following is a translation" Servanapermall pilly &c "understood what follows In respect to our Pollam Moodee "Vencateen is the proper Man so I wrote & gave, now the Com:mittee Gentlemen Came & I declare the same to them, but "the Committee replyed that Mr. Wynch had informed us "them to the Contrary & that there was a dispute respecting "the Succession you must enquire from Mr. Wynch what pas:sed & write me on the subject" having given particular direction "to my Servants to have no intercourse with the Vakeels or Pridauny during the investigation the Boy instantly brought the Cadjan to me & requested to know if he might satisfy the Pridauny who was then waited at a Choultry. I told him he might but to prevent any possibility of intrigue

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ordered it to be in writing & I have no doubt but the pre:
dauny has the answer now in his Possession that the
Cadjan now offered is in the same hand writing of all
other Cadjans from the predany of Iyoody will be proved
by the Toysum - & that Hobeen is not the heir to the Pollam
but the illegitimate son of Juncam Naick is well known to
the predauny of Madoor & the Vakeels of Nudagurrey &
Amenaignoor Deedanaputty Golapnaicknoor & I believe to
nearly every predauny & Vackeel in the district -

16th November 1796 Signed / G. Wynch

Translation of a Cadjan from Condia Goun-
-den Predauney of Iycoody to George
Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul dated
7th. March 1796—

I am up to this day behaving very carefully in transacting the Honble Companys business & have been honored with your sunned directing me to take charge of this Pollam & to admit of no Person being appointed Polygar untill the pleasure of the Government is known on the subject Sir it is always Customary of the Polygars that if any Poligar is died no funeral Ceremonies to be carried into Execu-tion unless any person is succeeded to the Pollam immedi-ately on the said death, therefore my Employer Condum Naick has at the point of his death, invested his uncles son as Polygar in his room at the Presense of all the Transactors and adviced to be in Good Terms with the In-habitants & to behave with so fedility in transacting the Circar business as he may thereby Experience their favor & also to pay his implicit Obedance to your Orders in every respect in the same manner as he the Conda-ma Naick did in Order that he may be Entitled to your full favor & protection as the Pollam of Iycoody was Separately Established & put under his Charge just by your favor— I therefore request you will in the Consideration of this Pollam having been Separately Settled by the Circar be pleased to deem the late Poligar as living & Ever protect us in every Evant— all other Circumstances you will be acquainted with by Rungia Vakeel—

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Translation of a Letter from Teroomala Chinnapa Naigue Poligar of Veerapakchee to G: Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul dated 19th. March 1796.

I am up to this day behaving very fearfully in transacting the Honble Company's business I do hereby Assure you that I knew perfectly well about 5 Successions together with present Successor Named Mootoo Condam Naick in the Pollam of Iyacoodee which I have the honor to particularize that the Comara Condama Naick former Poligar of Iyccody had 2 wives who were the Sisters of Vejiagery Naick that had been formerly a Poligar of Pylney for the Period of years when that Comara Condam Naick inheritting the Pollam of Iyeody I was just 11 Years old & do know him with all perfection whose eldest wife had brought forth 2 Sons Named Carootta Paupala Condam Naick & Suncama & the Youngest only one Named Hobein father of present Successor Moodee Condam Naick, after Comara Condum Naick his Eldest Son Carootta Opella Condama naick had enjoyed the Pollam About 21 Years who had 2 Sons namely Comara Condum Naick & Opella Condam Naick the Eldest Son Comara Condama Naick after his father had 17 Years inheritted the Pollum & when had no any son his brother Opella Condam Naick has after the decease of Comara Condam Naick, enjoy the Pollum about 15 Years & on the 15th. day previous to his decease, delivered the sword of Succession for the Charge of the Pollam) to Moodee Condam Naick present Successor as he had no son at all, therefore there are no any other persons but Present Moodee Condam Naick is an Inheritor to the Pollam of Iyccody this is all truely what I know of & have now communicated to you —

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The Vakeel of Iycoody having affirmed that the late Polygar of that place requested of Vasoo Pillay to make a distinct Settlement for the respective Pollams of Pylney & Iycoody — & that Vasoo Pillay agreed so to do, provided an adequate Compensation was given — that the sum agreed on was Cully Chs. 1240 for which the object was accomplished —

In refutation of this affirmation I request to offer the following extracts from the records, the two first will evince the transaction was proposed by my Predecessor & agreed to by the Board of Revenue previous to my arrival at Dindigul which did not happen until the 26th of Decr. 1794 — It is however observable that I did not receive the proceedings of the 18th December 1794 until the 3d. of March 1795 —

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham to the Board of Revenue under date 5th of December 1796 —

The Iycoody poligar is the Uncle of Velawda Naick of Pyney & a Tributary of his nephew since I first come into this District there have been Constant feuds & dissensions between the two families & some blood has been shed but I have every reason to believe that the Pylney family has in General been in fault. — I had Occasion a very short time since to go to Pylney & in Proceeding there I was met by the Iycoody man — he Complained much of the oppression he Suffered from his nephew & Earnestly entreated that he might be allowed to pay his Tribute immediately to the Company & that he Might Consider himself as under the Companys protection Vellaw Naick on the day following upon being questioned Urged that his uncle was much indebted to him & had shaken off entirely his authority —

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I have no doubt but that both are in fault but that the Pylney man is mostso, & I take the liberty to recommend, that in future Iycoody be made to pay his Tribute immediately to the Company if this measure, however takes place a proportionate reduction must be made in the Pylney Peshcash—

Extract from Boards Minutes in Council under date 18th. December 1794—

13th/14th .... With the view to put a stop to the dissensions here mentioned resolved to recommend to Government that the Iycoody Poligar be rendered independant of Vellaud Naick of Pylney & that a seperate sunned be granted him payable immediately to the Company in which event an equal reduction to be made in the Peshcush of Vellaud Naick Vizt. 1000 Chuckl.—

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 4th. March 17[illegible]

You will be pleased to inform me whether I am to grant a sunnud to the Iycoody Poligar for this Pasly similar to those granted the other Pollams he has not yet paid his Tribute to Vellauda Naick for 1203, 1204 but is ready to pay both Kists immediately into the Companys Treasury—

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 22d. March 17[illegible]

Chinnapa Naick had by his first Wife several Childrens all of whom died young he then married Tangame by whom he had one Son named Vyapoory Naick he afterwards in the decline of life had 9 other Wives by one of whom Syster to Condam Naick of Iycoody he had one Son the present Vellauda Naick & at his death which happened about 28 Years since he left two sons the Eldest Vyapoory Naick Succeeded his Father in the Pollam which he enjoyed for about 13 Years when he was murdered on the Pagoda Rock of Pylney by the Peons of Condum Naick of Iycoody disguised as Pandarums, Condam Naick immediately seized on the Pollam of Pylney in the name of his nephew Velauda Naick, Vyapoory Naicks a youth about 9 Years of age was with his Father on the Rock

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when he was Murdered but escaped by the Assistance of his Pallanquen Boys who delivered him to Moottoo Chevrigar Predauny to his Father and Grand Father who immediately carried him to Dindigul and laid the transaction before Meer Saib. who sent Troops against the Iyagoody Man. totally destroyed the Fort, and placed the Young Vyapoory Naigue in the Pollam under the care and management of Moottoo Chevrigar - Condum Naigue of Iagoody escaped with his Nephew Valaid Naigue and took refuge in Dellacotta, where they remained for some time, and afterwards received Cowle from Moottoo Chevrigar and returned, and resided at Iagoody not as a Tributary but as a dependant on a given Pension, - Vyapoory Naigue died at Veeraputchee young leaving his wife big with Child who was delivered about 15 days afterwards of a Son named Vyapoory Chinnpa Naigue the present Claimant, who was Confirmed in the Pollam by Syed Saib and continued to enjoy it until the Year 1786 - when nearly all the Pollams were Sequestered by Order of the Sultaun on General Meadows taking these Countrys - he granted a Cowle to Moottoo Shavrigar Predauny who took possession of the Pollam which remained in the name of Vyapoory Chinnopa Naigue for 3 Months Condum Naigue who is said to have Murdered his Nephew Vyapoory Naigue is the Person who is now Soliciting a Separate Sunnud or Cowle for Iagoody

When I had the Honor to address you on the 11th Instant - I concluded that the Claim of Condum Naigue of Iagoody had been fully investigated prior to its being sub-mitted to you, but as this does not appear to be the case I think it

it probable you may Know in some measure, after your opinion respecting him, and not thinking it expedient to grant him a separate Sunned for Jagoody the 4 Villages included in what he claims as his Pollam are Estimated at 10,000 Chuckrams by course should you appoint him Poligar thereof, he ought to pay a Suitable Tribute as an adequate deduction must necessarily be made from Pylney he has been very Urgent to Know your determination, on which I informed him that you certainly would give no directions, untill he produced the Cowle or Sunned by which he held the Country as a Tributary to Pylney during the Moorish Government, which Cowle would undoubtedly would Specify the Amount of Annual Tribute paid by him, but it is not in his Power to produce any Cowle or Sunned whatever.—

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue under date the 21st March 1795.—

We have received your Letter of the 4th Inst. and if you are of Opinion that the Jagoody Poligar is adequately assessed, we desire you will grant him a Sunned similar to those granted to the other Poligars and receive his Tribute for the 2 preceeding Fuslys.—

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date 27th March 1795.—

My Letter of the 22nd Instant will have put you in possession of my Sentiments respecting Jagoody I shall take no Step respecting Condum Naique untill I receive your further Orders.—

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Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue under date the 28th April 1795.—

The information you have transmitted in regard to the Sagody Poligar Condum Naigue has made no alteration in our Resolution communicated to you of granting him a Sunnud making him independant of Pylney the Persons from whom you have obtained your information in regard to the Value of this Pollam of Course had an Interest in enhancing its Value under your Charge particularly Valaids Naigues Vakeel and Mootten Chinnegar, and as no encrease for the present Fusly was made in the Pylney Peshcush we think it will be most advisable to fix the Payment from Condum Naigue for this Year at the Amount usually paid by him to Pylney, which in our Minutes of the 18th December last we stated we Understood to be 1000 Chuy and that in Consequence an equal deduction should be made from Valaida Naigues Peshcush.—

You will therefore grant Condum Naigue a Sunned for the present Year, specifying the Peshcush at the rate heretofore paid to Pylney whatever that may be receiving the Arrears accordingly as ordered in our Letter of the 21st March last informing him at the same time, that you expect this Mark of the Companys favor will Command from him the most implicit Obedience to their Orders and that a permanent Settlement will be made for his future Peshcush on the next Fusly

Extract

Extract Copy of Proceedings in the Cutcherry of Dindigul on the 20th October 1790 inclosed in the above —

Vyarpoorys Grand Father retained possession of the Country 4 Years when he was killed by Sagoody Naigue a Neighbouring Poligar whose Sister Valaid Naigues Father had Married. —

Vyapoory killed by Sagoody Naigue had a Son of the same Name, to whom Meer Saib allowed Maintainance in the Fort of Pylney —

Extract of a Letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 13th May 1795 —

Had I been in the Possession of the proceedings you have honored me with, I should have spared myself the unpleasant Task of recapitulating the Murder of Vyapoory Naigue by Condum Naigue of Sagoody, but you will I trust not accuse me of Credulity in this respect, when the fact is proved in the proceedings of the 20th October Paragraph 4th and Confirmed in the 6th Paragraph of those proceedings by Comaroo Munagar who appeared on the part of Valaid Naigue. —

From the foregoing it will clearly appear that the late Condum Naigue of Sagoody did not Succeed to the Pollam through any recommendation of mine — and that the loss of 4000 Chuckrams Annually for Fusly 1204, 1205 and 1206 — has not been in consequence of any bribe Received by me

or my Servants. — The Peshcush for 1203 was paid to Mr. Wrangham and a Receipt granted under date the 21st. August 1794. —

(Signed) George Wynch.

16th. November 1796

Translation of a Representation made by Rungiah Vakeel to Condam Naigue Polygar of Jagoody to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul

I have been directed by my Employer Condam Naigue to communicate to you that Captain Oliver has on the 26th. November last sent my message by a Jemidar Ameen Saib a Servant of Jagoody to my Employer informing him that the Money which he lent Velaid Naigue, is not only of his own property but also of Mr. Cockbourn a member in the Board of Revenue, and that in Consequence of that Money not having been paid by Velaid Naigue he without your Acknowledgment represented to Mr. Cockbourn and all the other Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue on the Subject, and as on the promulgation of their Orders — seized Velaid Naigue and afterwards informed you of it, and that if my Employer is now so anxious that the Velaid Naigue should by any means be Released Captain Oliver will on the Subject make his Re-presentation seperately to Mr. Cockburn and to the Board get Velaida Naigue Released and restore the Pollam of Pylney to him in Case my employer should give him an Assurance that he will never lay claim on him for the properties possessed by him of Velaida Naigue at the time of Seizure and will punctually pay the Money including Inte-rest due by Vellada Naigue according to the Bond.

Sir notwithstanding this we always receive an intimation of Captain Oliver being now in the preparation of

of Ladders &c.— whatever may be wanted for the Seizure of Jagoody— my Employer in Consequence of said fields preparation and of Captn [illegible] having sent word. that he will himself Represent to the Board for any matter with which he may be necessiated & have it immediately accomplish without your inference therein is much apprehensive to Reside at Jagoody and therefore now Represents that if you will in the Consideration of his behaving as a Son to the Company, be pleased to grant him a Cowle mentioning that he need not fear for any thing he will wherein Repose his trust and Confidence Remain unfearfully at Jagoody and behave very carefully in transmitting the Honble Companys business agreeable to your Orders that may be Issued.— I was further directed by my Employer to produce to you the List which has been made out for the Effects that were plundered of Valaid Naigues House and to let him know what Order you may Issue on the Subject.— I am therefore waiting to warn my Employer of that Instructions may be given by you in reply to this Representation.——

31 The Claim of the Polygar of Veerpatchee to the Pollam of Cunnivady not having been noticed by the Committee (Messrs. Harrington & Macleod) until the Polygar & Mootoo Sherwigar who Accompanied him to Dindigul had return:ed to Veerpatchee & as the latter has not obeyed the Summons of the present Collector - No Examination on the Subject took place with the only 2 persons Competent to have given Evidence thereon - the Claim was made by Mootoo Sherwigar on the part of Veerpatchee in the presence of my 3 Principal Huzzoor Servants & Achelandum who took down the Account & Appajee Pilly - the 3 former are precluded from giving Evidence & Achelandum died since the Committee came to Dindigul that the Present Polygar was born Several Years after the Old Polygar was debilitated is known to all the Old Inhabi:tants of the place most of whom from fear are deterred from standing forward - The Circumstance now altered on Oath were Submitted to the Board of Revenue on the 21 of March 1795 on which letter I recommended that the Peishcush should be increased to 15,000 Chs. & Submitted an account procured from very Old Records to prove that Cunnivady formerly only

Consisted

Consisted of 8 Villages or a Tribute of 3900 Chs

4th November 1796 Signed) G: Wynch

Vencata Sawmy Naigue of Moodoor having informed the Committee that he was not the Poligar, but that his Son a Child of 6 Years of Age was the real Poligar of Moodoor. I acquiesce entirely with him in this assertion, the fact was self evident. as by the Laws of the Pollam of Yerryadoo Checumpetty Madoor & Maroonoot. who all originated from one Stock the Succession never devolves to a Brother while a Son or Nephew exists, and in the event of the Poligars dying without Issue, the Eldest Nephew is adopted and so on progressively. - In justification of my Conduct in allowing the Sear Naigue Vancatasamy to act as Poligar I must refer to the records of this District, by which it will appear that I was forbidden from submitting information of the kind. -

On my arrival in Dindigul which happened on the 26th. of December 1794 - I found extracts from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 3rd. November. directing an enquiring to be made into the rights by which each Poligar held their respective Pollams and whether the present possessor, or any other had the legal Right to the Pollams he held - In conformity with this Order, which only take place One Month prior to my appointment Intered on an enquiry which would have enabled me to have furnish the Board with full information on this Subject. - The Death of Appia Naigue of Cannevaudy occasioned a partial Extract from these enquires to be submitted - In Consequence of which the Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue on the 2nd. May informed Government that "the information was derived in Consequence of an "enquiry altogether unnecessary when the Son of the late incumbant "whose right had been fully admitted by Government presented himself."

On the 29th. of April the Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue, wrote me as follows. - "We cannot but strongly recom- "mend that you will in future Observe the utmost Caution in "offering any Opinion which may create in the Minds of the Poligars

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"a distrust of the Stability of the measures of Government & its Orders conveyed
"through former Collectors"

Again on the 6th of May — "Our Orders to you did not
"Authorize any investigation of the Rights of the Poligars who had been
"acknowledged & Confirmed in their possessions by Government but
"enjoined your examination into the actual Resources of their several
"Pollams. and we are sorry to Remark that your disposition to
"Charge leads you too Rapidly from the Subject before You to others
"unconnected with it, nor can the apparent unsettled state of the
"Country be otherwise than a Natural Consequence of the Latitude
"You gave yourself in this Respect. — We have however treated of this
"Subject so fully in our Letter of the 29th Ultimo, in regard to the
"Pylney Poligar, that it is needless to enter into it more largely
"on the present Occasion." —

To which I replyed on the 4th of that Month in the
following words. — "In the 5th Paragraph of your address, you
"are pleased to say your Orders to me did not Authorize any Inves-
"-tigation of the Rights of the Poligars &ca. — I regret extreamly
"Gentlemen that by misconceiving your Orders I should have
"Exceeded the bounds of my Authority. On Referring to the Extracts
"of a Board of Audit, under date the 3rd November 1794 in the last
"Paragraph but One" I find the following Order. "As it is in contemp-
"-lation to grant Sunneds in the Name and under the Seal of the
"Company to the respective Poligars, it will be necessarily previously
"to ascertain the Right by which each Poligar at present holds the
"Pollam possessed by him. — Ordered therefore that the Collector do make
"immediate enquiry for this purpose transmitting a Statement of the
"Family of each Poligar respectively, and Reporting his Opinion founded
"on the most Accurate information (of which he must forward written
"attested Copies) whither the present possessor or any other has the legal
"right to the Pollam he holds". as this information had not been transmitted
"You — I conceived it particularly my Duty to give you the fullest informa-
"-tion on the Subject as I am now in possession of your Sentiments

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"On this Subject you may rely, I shall not in future intrude Information
"of this Kind on you. but confine myself to the information you now require"

From this period I considered myself as precluded from informing on similar Subjects that the present Poligar of Madoor was appointed since the Country fell to the English is I conceive established by the evidence already taken, & may be proved by nearly every Man in the District. that the Poligar so appointed was represented as an Adult (was a Child) the annexed Extract from Mr Wrangham's Letter of the 5th December 1794 will prove — From the above it will appear that I could not have reinstated the present Tremala Koottoovurapu Naique in his Pollam without investigating the right. by which the Sear Naique Vencatasawmy Naique held held the Pollams, and thereby offering an Opinion that might create distrust in the Minds of the Poligars — Maroonoot was in the same predicament. the Pollam having devolved to, and was held by Madoor for 3 Months subsequent to the Country falling to the English, when it was granted to the present Poligar, who was the Younger Son of Condum Naique an Inhabitant of Condum Pettah in the Madoora District — the Declaration of several Persons on this Subject are offered who are ready to attest to the facts. —

Extract of a Letter from Mr Wrangham to the Board of Revenue
under date the 5th December 1794. —

Madoor is in Arrear the whole of his last Years Kists he is the only Poligar in this District that has obeyed my Summons to attend at the Cutcherry. he came to me 16 days ago with confidence, and upon being questioned regarding his Arrears — he urged in excuse the great Scarcity of Rain. but gave a Muchelkah promising to liquidate the whole of it in two Months. —

Signed) George Wynch —

Dindigul —
12th November 1796

That the appointment of Nella Dandoo to the Pollam of Diodanaputty did not Originate with me or took place in consequence of any Bribes given to my Servants is proved by the Letters of Mr. Wrangham under date 13th May 13th October and 5th December. of which the following are Extracts. —

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham under date the 13th May 1794. —

I have no hesitation in recommending that Troops should be employed for the recovery of the Ballances, but the Object of this address is to recommend that Government will be pleased to authorize the Commandant of Dindigul to furnish a force for the purpose of Sequestering the Pollam held by Poojaury Naigue of Diodanaputty who is in Arrear three fourths of his Rents due the last, and the whole the present Year. — I should be very Slow in recommending the Adoption of this strange measure, but I see no alternative for the Poligar not only refuses to liquidate his ballances, but pertinaciously declines having any Communication with those who have been sent to him to demand payment of his debt. —

I have only to add. That I forsee the best consequences from your early concurrence with this recommendation. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Wrangham
Assistant Collector

Dindigul
13th May 1794

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham under date the 13th October 1794. —

I take this opportunity of stating to you, that a Claim has been laid before me by the Widow of the late Poojauree Naigue of Diodanaputty to that Pollam, which on the demise of the former Owner was taken possession of by Gopia Naigue, who has ever since he enjoyed it, been

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Slow in making my payments to the Company, and who is at [illegible] in Arrears upwards of two Years Peshcush, amounting to Cauly Chucr[illegible] 6453 ½ f.s 6. — I should have submitted the claim immediately on its presented to your consideration but thought it would be expedient first to enter into a thorough investigation of the Subject, as I might otherwise unnecessarily take up your time. — The best possible means to ascertain the truth, I conceived would be to take the Sentiments of every Poligar in the District in Writing, which I have done & they to a Man, agree that the Widows Claim is a just one; that Gopia Naique had Usurped the management of the Pollam without any Authority and that the Widow or her nearest Relative at her Option was legally Entitled to the Pollam Should you determine to Restore the Pollam to the apparently just Owner, I take the liberty to mention that untill her Authority is fully established it will be necessary to Station at least one Company of Sepoys and an Officer; & One Gun at Deodanaputty. — Gopia Naique has many Armed Peons, & I have no doubt unless pre-cautionary measures are taken to prevent it that he will endeavour to resist your Orders. —

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Under date the 3rd November 1794. —

Ordered that the Collector be directed to transmit such written documents as he may be able to obtain respecting the claims of the Widow of the late Poojaurey Naique to Deodanaputty Pollam reporting at the same time the Relationship if any of Gopia Naique to the late Poligar, & transmitting a Statement of the Family or descendants of the latter. — Ordered also that he do call upon Gopia Naique in writing for the Title deed by which he holds the Pollam forwarding for the Boards information Copy of such application and of his Answer. —

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The Arrears of Peshcush exceeding 2 Years appears to the Board sufficient cause for dispossessing this Man of his Pollam

Ordered, that the Collector do peremtorily demand the discharge thereof and warn him that his non Compliance will render him liable to the severe displeasure of Government.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wrangham under date 5th December 1794

The Enclosures No. 15, are Copies of Letters attested by the head Peshcar of this Cutcherry from every Poligar in the District containing their Sentiments regarding the Claims of the Widow of Poojaunry Naigue late Poligar of Deodanaputty to the Succession of that Pollam

I have made a Translation of one of them. but they are all nearly to the same Effect.—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 18th December 1794.—

In consequence of the Circumstances stated by the Collec-tor and as an example is become highly expedient—agreed to recommend that Gopia Naigue be dispossessed of the Pollam of Deodanaputty and that it be taken possession of and put under a Companys Manager for the present.—

As it appears that the Widow of Poojaunry Naigue late Poligar has a just Claim to the succession of this Pollam—the Board are of Opinion she should be called upon to nominate a Manager on her behalf and if the Character or Capacity of the Person shall appear Objectionable it will then become a Subject of Consideration. whether it will not be most eligible to propose to her an allowance, & to confirm the appointment of a Manager on account of the Company. — That the Poligar did not consider himself aggrieved is proved by the Letter of his Father Poligar of Yaloomadu Yarroo Chinnum Naigue & by the Cadjan of Nella Daudoo Poojaunry Naigue sent me on the 9th Inst. of which the following are Translations

Translation

Translation of a Cadjan from Yaroo Chinnum Naigue of Yatoomada - to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul.

I have been honored with your Sunned directing me to Liquidate immediately the Balance of Fusily 1204 due to the Company by my Son Nellodaudoo Naigue to whom you were pleased to Restore the Pollam of Deodanaputty according to the Security Bond wherein I was entered in the Month of February last to have been Responsible for the Kists of said Fusly in case of the failure of my Son in the Payment. In reply have the honor to state that it being Reputably and most extensively published to the whole World that upon a due attendance of my Son to you; you have been highly pleased to enquire into his legal and incontro-vertible Right & inheritance to the Pollam of Deodanaputty & to dig-nify him most affectionately with Restoration thereof in Order to that he may Open the Door of Caumauchee Umun Church (which there 40 Years ago was Shut up & unconsecrated: and carry on the Consecration as Usual, So you have obtained an high Reputation extended thro-out the Countries of having shewn him every favor & protection — but for my having been Called upon by you for the liquidation of the Ballance due by my Son to the Company - I have the reason to assign that in consequence of Indapooly Proodoo Colum & Cullopputty Villages appertaining to Deodanaputty & also the Tax upon Boyaurey & Pattaum Chetty not having been Completely restored to my Son as Usual our inability in the punctual payment of the Peshcush was Occasioned, on the other hand I do hereby assure you that in the event of your being pleased to do my Son the favor of Restoring to him the aforesaid Villages &ca. and also of settling his Peshcush with such Moderation as has hitherto been Usual he will doubtless make punctual payment of his Kists to the Company —

Translation of a Letter from Paojaurey Naigue of Deodanaputty to George Wynch Esqr. after the Complaints. —

I came to Dindigul and waited 13 Months after

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which you Arrived and I Visited you. Considering you in every respect as my Parent and you treated me as a Child and putting regard on me Granted me the Pollam of Deodanaputty as I had been your own Son accompanying me to my Pollam and putting the Sword into my hand and making me head of the Caumauchee[?] Church — from this I held your Orders in my Head & it was Reported throughout the 24 Pollams and 56 Districts that I was by your favor Created a Poligar. and conceived whatever was done by your Authority could not be altered — but when I heard you had lost your Collectorship I considered that I must likewise lose my Pollam accordingly by my Vakeel and other Men I sent in Money but they Confined my 2 People 10 days after they jibted[?] my Pollam and ordered me to quit it in now[?] — obliged to Reside on the Hills — amidst Jungles: how long shall I be able to bear these hardships of Rain and bad Water — Caumauchee[?] Knows the Hardships I suffer. I am your Son and cannot con-tinue to bear these things — If you send me word where to live I shall Obey your Order. & if you Order me to restore to you. I shall forwith attend you; If I have fallen under your displeasure you must Consider my faults as the faults of a Child and not throw me from you — You must restore me to my Pollam keeping regard on me, and not lose the Name you have acquired — You must send me a Sunnud directing me how to Act —

(Signed) George Wynch

18th November
1796

Mr George Wynch delivered the following papers to J. B. Hardis Esqr 19th Novr 96 —

Being informed by the Committee that Mahootanum affirmed that that as Amildar of Cumbum his Collection from January 1795 to 2nd Augt 95 amounted to Cully Chuckrums 3990 - 2 - 26 of which he paid Cully Chrs 2547 - 6 to my Servant Vizt —

Collections in Grain &ca . . .	3219 .. 2 - 26	
Grain Deposit	771 " —	3990 - 2 - 26
Paid to Vassoo Pilly in Cash	2000	
To his Dancing Girl — —	30	
Bramins by his Order — —	3	
To Shashadaunundum pilly Do	25	
Shawls Cloths . . .	95	
Batta — — — — —	53 - 6	2206 - 6
Tondaroya Moodely — —	280	
Sawmy Moodely . . .	17	
Ackeelaunelum . . .	30	
Vencatachellum	14	341
		Cully Chrs 2547 . 6

The very vague manner this Account is given in (neither the quantity of Grain or price at which it was Sold being specified) makes it impossible to speak with precision on the Subject — a palpable perjury however appears on the face of this Statement as supposing the Sum of 3396 .. 2 .. 26 to have been Collected .. 2318 .. — 13 was Credited to the Company to the 12th July. consequently the aggregate was only 1672 - 2 - 13 - instead of 2547 - 6 — in reputation of Perjury so palpable 3 Letters from Mahootanum are offered with their enclosures together with an Abstract taken from the Monthly Accounts of Makootanum by which it appears that the Collections were 2316 . 6 . 9/16 and which corresponds with the Accounts sent by him to me and transmitted on the 15th & 16 Feby 1795 to the Board of Revenue — The Abstract for 12th July 1795 will

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evince that the Dowle Accounts for Cumbum &c. ~~places~~ Villages was Star Pagodas 1324 - 26 - 46 or fully Chu.s 2318 - .. - 13 & I request to observe particularly in the Amildars Letter of the 29th. of February covering the Declaration of the Inhabitants & his repeated Assertion that if the Cowle agreeable to the settlement made by Numbool Naigue was not agreed to that the Inhabitants would emigrate - from Makootarum's Account it will appear that the Assessment in Paddy amounted to 4915 Cullums of which Cull. m. m. 1197 .. 10 - 4 were collected by Numboo Naigue & of the remaining Cull. m. m. 3317 .. 1 - 4. the Company was Credited as follows 1534 - 7 - 5 at 6 F.s and 2182 .. 5 . 7 at 5 F.s - when I was at Cumbum Appagee Gounden was very Urgent to be allowed 2000 Cullums of Paddy at 6 Fan.s of which 900 was then delivered and on this Account the Soucars become responsible for the payment of 1400 Chu.s the remaining 200 being the difference of Exchange between 3000 Chu.s paid into the Companys Cash & 2000 P. St. Pagodas paid by Ramaursawmy Chitty; the great fall in the Price of Grain owing to all Monopolies having been forbidden by me occasioned this Account not having been finally settled the Money was therefore lodged by my Servant with the Soucars, this circumstance I alluded to in my Letter, to the Right Hon.ble the President in Council on the 13th. of August but was not enabled fully to explain it untill I was permitted to commune with my Servants from whom I received the foregoing account respecting the 1400 Chuckrams - If therefore a Sum exceeding 2318 Chu.s was Collected the fraud must have Originated with Makootarum as it is Observable that I only arrived in Dindigul on the 26th. December & that Makootarum was appointed

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on the 26th January following at which time he was an entire Stranger both to me and my Servants and it appears by the Declaration of Parea Colum Vencatachellum Pilly that 35 days previous to the Arrival of the Committee Vencatachellum Moodelly informed Appaspe Goundan that the Sum he had given Mahkootasum was but trifling when it was considered that his Evidence would undoubtedly disgrace Mr. Wynch and his People it remains therefore only to be proved that the Letters are the hand Writing of Mahkootasum. —

Complaints having been exhibited against Kistniah he was ordered into Dindigul on the 13th March but had sufficient address to prevent the Complaint coming forward. after the Investigation was closed my Servant procured information which occasioned his Kistniah being prevented from returning to Cumbum the further Investigation which ensued strongly implicated the Conduct of Mahkootasum which I was prevented from elucidating owing to his having been taken from under the Charge of 2 Invalid Sepoys I had placed over him by Mr. Stoddart & Secreted untill the Arrival of Mr. Harrington & Macleod, when Kistniah was permitted to leave the District, without any enquiry into his Conduct having taken place, or any Redress having been granted to the Complainants, & Jahcootty been confined gave Mahkootasum an opportunity of carrying to the Account of my Servants any nefarious Conduct of his own the Sumprotty of Kistniah is now in Dindigul, from whose accounts it appears that Cul. 321 - 2 m of Paddy only was made over by Mahkootasum. whereas in his account he says Paddy on hand Amounting to fully Cal. 1649 - 1/2 which at the highest price Paddy ever sold at Cumbum since my arrival in the District Cfan. gives 2733 fall in lieu of 321. 2 -

(Signed) George Wynch

Dindigul —
19th Novr. 1796 }

Mr. G. Wynch delivered the following Papers to Mr. I. B. Hurdis dated 19th November 1796 –

Cumbum Amildar Mokootoswamiah Selam to G. Wynch Esquire Collector of Dindigul 29th of Feby.

Until this day I am very careful in the Companys business I have already informed you of the Circumstances of this Talook from which you will have understood particulars – I received your letter of the 14th Inst. I understood the Contents, wherein you order me to inform you of the produce of the Custom I order me to take the Collection of money by dividing the Circar share, I am of Opinion the Cumbam Customs will amount to 450 Chs. in the Goodelore to 200 –

I have sent to the Cumbum nautams & had people I informed them of your orders & conversed with them both by Soothing & threatning but I cannot prevail on them to agree to a division of the Crops – altho I have used my best endeavours for the last 3 days but they assert that the arable Lands are so near the Jungles that the Elephants Constantly destroy great Quantity of Paddy in the event of which the Circar will accuse them of embazelment the Inhabitant are likewise of the Coffree cast & if the Circar peons attend to Watch the Crops they will certainly run off they have never yet had the Collections made by devision & declare that if assessment is made as before they will carray in the businss if not they cannot remain their declaration on this Subject I now send you if no determination is come to loss must ensue

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as the Paddy is threashed. I have written you all my opinion according to your Order I shall act but the Inhabitants will not be satisfied unless the business is carryed on according to manual the circar Peons have been employed more than a Month and are much distressed for pay — on this subject you must send Orders the Companys business will spoil unless money is sent for the Servants as they are now disobedient on this account — the accounts are ready made out and shall be transmitted I have sent away the Sepoys the Invalids you have sent demand Batta and likewise want to borrow from us 20 or 30 f. Rs which they say may be deducted out of their Pay and unless this is agreed to they cannot manage as per your Order I shall act

Translation of a Representation made by the Head Inhabitants of the Cumbum Tallook under their signatures received 4th March

During this Cumbum Tallook was under the charge of the Rajah of Travancore and also of Meer Saib the Nunja Chays were generally rented and assessed by us nor we received any share for the Crops but when said Saib in his time had 2 Years managed that Tallook under Amanee we find incon-venience by receiving share as amanee and applied to him on the subject on which he immediately Complied with our application renting the Chays as usual — now Mahotaram Company Amildar says unusually that we are to receive share for the Nunja Crops in Amanee Sir as the Nunja or Paddy field is about 6 miles from Cumbum and ever Exposed the Disturbances of the Elephants &c whatever suppose we behave fearfully and regularly we shall doubtless be

Vainly

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Vainly blamed for any loss of the Crop if happened, and the Circar Peons that watch the the Paddy fields will allways Suspect us and give us any Trouble — We therefore request your honor will be pleased to continue our Renting Chay and paying assessment to the Company as usual and to grant us the same usual Cowl of which a form has be already submitted to your Consideration by Sumpretty Soobiah

Copy o a Cowlnamah which had been granted by Nimbool Chaugee to the Inhabitants (who requires the same Cowl now from the Company —

I do hereby give you a Cowl that you are to pay to the Circar the annual assessment for the lands of the Cumbum Talook as follows

Nunjah

at 10 Cullums of Paddy ℔ a Chay of Coaday Cultivated
@ 17 Ditto . . . . . ℔ Ditto of Pishaunum
@ 12. 6. . . Ditto . . . . ℔ Ditto of Ditto
@ 2. Ditto . . . . . ℔ Ditto of waste land which being newly Cultivated
@ 5 Ditto . . . . ℔ a Chay of land which cannot be watered in consequence of a being higher then other lands —

in case the above Crops Should not prove favorable for want of water the Chays to be then what was the usual according to their Situations

Punja

@ 7 Culley ℔ ℔ a Kooly of Sholum Cumbo and Nutchiny Cultivated
@ 5 Ditto ℔ Ditto of Sammy
@ 3 Ditto ℔ Ditto of waste land which having been newly Cultivated

@ 2 Cully fs. ℔ a Cooley of Morsegram Mochay Cottay Pizaroo &c.
@ 12 Ditto ℔ Ditto of Nunjamill Punja
@ 10 Ditto Cw. ℔ Ditto of Plantain
@ 15 Ditto fs. ℔ Ditto of Tobacho
@ 15 Cw. ℔ a Chay of Bettle Garden for one year

To this day 10th Febry I am very carefull in the Companys duty which Mr will understood by the Accounts I have sent the Nunja Crops ought to have been cut one month past but but has been delayed in consequence of of the Circar Orders to Jefty the Country — the Inhabitants dissatisfied on this account and Complain of the loss to ensue of the heat of the weather — should occasion fires in the hills and Jungles in the Vicinity of the fields on this account they are uneasy but I told them untill I receive your Order I cannot permit them to Cut the Grain on which they day they will deposit the whole produce and wait your Orders which I have appointed to keeping Circar Peons over the heaps I have sent you the Copy of the Cowl Granted the Inhabitants according to maumool as you think proper give your Orders I have likewise sent a Moyenjabitah for this Talook on this Subject you must send directions — I have sent a Company men to Goodalore the Rajah has sent his Vakeel to you he now resides in Goodalore when he delivers over the place I shall write and send you the accounts. I now send you last years accounts for Cumbum and Poodoopatty together with accounts Collation &c. and I am very carefull in the Companys business —

Estimate of Probable Receipts of the Revenue of the Cumbum Talook for the Fusly 1204

	Cull	m	m	C	f	C
Total Cultivated Nunja Chays 437 which were assessed by Estimate in Paddy to the Sircar for this year	4936	3	..			
Total Cultivated Punja Hoolies 1303½ which were assessed in Cash				993	..	17
	4936	3	..	993	..	17
Deduct what Collected by numbool nay	1251	3	..	837	3	..
Remainder	3683	..	..	155	7	12

Account Shewing the whole Quantity of Nunja and Punja lands of the Cumbum Talook and also the Present Cultivations for Fusly 1204

Cumbum Cusbah

Total Quantity of Nunja land		863½
Deduct uncultivated		274½
Remainder		589
which were resumed by Tippoo		480¼
Deduct again	1/16	
Butte Garden		
Maunyams to the Pagodas Bramenies &c as of last Auvanhariying	75 3/16	76¼
Last year only Cultivated 292		404

Cultivated as follows for the year

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Coday Chays 125 3/8 Produce of which was possessed by Numbool Naigue in November last as appears in the estimate }

Parhaunum Chays 278 7/8 were Cultivated and the Crop thereof is now on the Ground

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	Mool
Total Quantity of Punja land	1742[illegible]
Deduct Poromboco or waste land	1260[illegible]
Remainder	248[illegible]
Deduct again	
Land uncultivated at Present but capable to Cultivation 649 1/2	
Maunyams as pr Account Particular 145 1/2	79[illegible]
last year 827 1/8 more	
Cultivated for this year	169[illegible]

Koolies Cultivated and assessed as follows

Koolies — 1066 49/64 @ 7 f pr Cooly

Ditto — 624 47/64 @ 3 f pr Ditto

Ditto — 2 3/4 @ @ 12 1/2 f pr Ditto

1694 1/4 Most part of this assessment was Collected by Numbool Naigue as appears in the estimate

Poodoopatty Village

	Chs
Total Quantity of Nunja land	74 3/4
Deduct	
Possessed by Appayee Gounden 30 1/4	
uncultivated 1 3/16	
Maunyams as pr Account Particulars 9 [illegible]/16	
Bettle Garden 1/8	41 3/4
Cultivated for this Year	33
Total Quantity of Punjaland	533 [illegible]/16

Deduct

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Deduct —

uncultivated ——————————— 412 7/16

Maunyams as ⅌ acct. Particulars ——————— 13. ——— 426 7/16

Cultivated and assessed for this year —
most part of this assessment was Collected by meimbool
Navigue as appears in the Estimate —

Statement of Cumbum for Present year

	Nunja	Punja
	Cw.	Koolies
whole Quantity of Lands	938 ¾	12288 2/16
Deduct uncultivated —		
land Maunyams &ca.	501 ¾	10484 11/16
Nett Cultivated	437.	1803 ½

Account Particulars of the Revenue of Goodalore Collected for Present Fusly 1204

	Chay R.	Paddy Cull	M	M	Money Ch	F	C	Ch	F	C
Total Quantity of Nunja Land	50 7/16									
Deduct waste land which never can be Cultivated	15 7/16									
	35.									
Deduct again										
Land uncultivated at Present but capable of Cultivation 4 3/4.										
Maunyams uncultivated D° 2.										
Ditto Cultivated 11.	17 3/4									
Cultivated Land	17 3/4									
Which were Rented @ 10 Cullums P Chay and Cultivated entirely by Poonyattoo Rajah		172 6 .			@ 8 ff ff			138	.	.
Total Quantity of Punja land	Koolies 4785									
Deduct										
waste land which never can be Cultivated 4104										
Land uncultivated at Present but capable of Cultivation 491.										
Maunyams Cultivated 20.										
	4625.									
Cultivated and assessed as follows	160.									
Nutchinn Coolies 140 @ 5 1/4 ff ff Kooly					73	5				
Mochay &c Ditto 20 @ 2 1/4 Ditto					4	5				
Carried forward					78	.	.	138	.	.

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	Ch	F	C	Ch	F	C
Brought forward	78	..	..	138	..	..
Tase upon Palakatara &ca	10	..	..			
Sayer Collection by Estimate for whole yYear	200	..	..	288	..	..
Total Chuckrums				426	..	..

NB of above money account of 288 Chs the Poonyeroo Rajah has Collected 140 Chs

Untill this day 1st of march I am very carefull in Transacting the Companys business your letter of the 19th I have received and understand the contents wherein you tell me you are surprised so large a Country as Goodalore should yeild so small a Revenue and order me not to inter=fear Hanoomuntenpatty untill I receive your further orders & that the Goodeloor Rajah has no controle over Goodeloor I have not reduced the Account of Goo=dalore the Place has in very bad Condition not ten Inhabitants houses being left it is only a name

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Cumbum & Goodelore the latter has very long
been destroyed which will be easily understood if
you make enquires when you arrive here you
will understood whether my Accounts are just
I never deceave the Gentlemen agreeable to your
order I am very careful in the Companys businss
I shall not repair to Hunnoomuntaputty until
I here further from you I have Informed the
Goodelore Rojah he is not to interfear in that
place I sent a Suprutty, Monigar, & Peons, to the
Fort the Collection of this Year the Goodelore Ra-
jah has expended for the future agreeable to your
Order I shall act I have not yet paid the Servants
at which they are very discontentd & the Company
Business will Suffer to prevent this I have made
Some advances the Account for February & Ma
I have written & send —

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Chay	Virginuky			S. Ch.	f.	c.	C. Ch.	f.	C.
76		Maha cassum							
		Dauble Account settled by Numbool Maigue for July 1264							
		1762 ⅞ Koolies of Punja assessed		994	3⅜	..			
		1 7/10 Chay of Bettle collected at 10 Cheskeums pr Chay		15	9⅜				
		Palapputra	57 4 ..						
		Juits	3						
		Fish	2 5 ..	62	9	..	1073	1 5/16	
		Collected by him					792	3⅞	
		Ballance					280	8 7/16	
		Dauble Paddy Cumbum							
125⅞		Watered by Veymachi Tank — assessed as follows and collected by Numbool Maigue							
	95⅞	at 10 Callums pr Chay Callums 958-9-..							
	6½	at 5 — do pr do — 32-6-..							
	3½	at 4 — do pr do — 14-..-..							
	19¼	at 3 — do pr do — 57-9-..	1063-..-..						
	125⅞								
149⅜		Watered by Cumbum Peroomo & assessed Peshcoonum as follows							
	94¼	at 13 Callums pr Chay 1275-9-..							
	54⅞	at 5 do pr do 274-4-4							
	149⅜		1550-1-4						
129½		Watered by Cuttam Poorooroo and assessed as follows							
	84 43/64	at 17 Callums pr Chay 1439-5-..							
		Remeasurement ..-2-4							
	44 57/64	at 3 do pr do 135-..-..	1574-7-4						
	129½								
404		Assessed Callums	4187-9-..						
		Deduct taken by Numbool Maigue	1063-..-..	3124 9					
		Podoopully							
33		at 17 Callums pr Chay		561 ..					
		Goodeloor							
17¼		10 Chay at 13 Callums pr Chay 130-..-..							
		7¼ do at 5 do pr do 36-3-.. 166-3							
		Deduct taken by Peneyattoo Rajah	134-10	31 4 4					
			Total Callums	3717 1 4					
		Call m. m. 1119-7-2 of Paddy sold at Cumbum at 6 fa. pr Callum		671	7½				
		2005-1-6 of do do do at 5 fa. do		1002	5½		1674	2½	
	3124-9	Goodeloor Punja assessment — 67-9 5/16							
		Buzar — ..-6	68-5 7/16						
	31-4-4	Callums of Deduct taken by Numbool Maigue	67-5 7/16						
		Paddy sold at 5 fa. pr Callum					18	8¾	
		assessed 114 5/8 Koolies of Punja at Podoopully 61-9 7/16							
		3/8 Chay of Bettle 5-6 1/2							
		Palapittam 3-6	71-2 7/16						
		Deduct collected by Numbool Maigue	48-5					22	7/16
	561	383-7-7 Callums of Paddy at 6 fa. pr Callum		230	6⅜				
	3717-1-4	177-4-1 do do at 5 do do		88	6⅝				
				Total Callums			2316	6 5/16	

Mr George Wynch delivered the following papers to Mr T. B. Hurd's
20 Nov 1796

Kistna Iah having affirmed that he paid to my Servants Chs. 907. of which Chs. 421 was Expences incurred for Catching 2 Elephants that were given to Vassoo Pilly as a Present

The Palpable of this deponent appears from 3 Letters to me expressly mentioning that the Elephants were Caught by my Order and on my own Account and Totally un Connected with Vassoo Pilly the Total disbursement by Kistna Iyah on this Account was Chs. 71. 4. 15 as appears by the Accounts of Ramalingum Moodelly Cumbum Sumprotty and Nettadoo Elephants Keeper

The degree of Credit due to the other part of Kistnas Evidence may be estimated by the foregoing.

20 November 1796.

(Signed) George Wynch

Translation of a Cadjan from Kistna Iyen Amildar of Cumbum to George Wynch Esqr. dated

The Elephants we have taken I am now Taming I have ordered them to be fomented and Oil and Pepper given for them when tamed I shall send them to Dindigul I shall attend to the Elephants holes and if any one caught inform you of it — at the Tallamala Jungle the Peons of Appauyee Goundin and Yerraseeka Naique are very Troublesome for the Merchants I have written to them positive orders but they say they have maumool for their Country — and why therefore do I interfere — I wrote this for Master information as

as the Hanamuntumputty Appaugu Gounden will never consent to relinquish it — Neither will he withdraw the Cumbum Cawil man — I have written him on the Subject he says he will [illegible] to Dindigul and Speak on the Subject — I shall obey your Order —

At Goolinoor the Repairs of Nullahs is Compleated there is great want of Inhabitants but I shall attend to the Cultivation as much as possible — I have sent Cowl and 7 Houses are erected and I have settled with the Inhabitants in Vyaravandy and ordered them to Cut jungle If you send Sannud to Boade Naigue he will Supply more Inhabitants —

Translation of a Cadjan Letter from Kistna Iyen to George Wynch Esqr. Collector of Dindigul Dated 29th December

For the last 40 years there has been no mauwool for watching fees for the Village of Cumbum, Goodaloor and Poodoo putty either to Appaugu Gounden or any other Poligar last year Appaugu Gounden took Cawil from the Inhabitants in consequence I had a Tom Tom beat to prevent the Cawil man from residing here Subsequent to which he has not demanded Cawil Fees from the Inhabitants — I have already written you the account particular of Robberries Committed since the Country fell to the English Appaugu Gounden will never Resign Hanamuntumputty by fair means a few days since 200 Peons came and made

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the Hedges &c round the Villages — It is Reported here that Appaugee Goundem has given Order if Mr. Wynch proceeds direct to Cumbum let him pass but if he comes to Hanomuntum pretty give him battle — this news is necessary for masters information — as by Order I have sent Ramalingum Moodelly to you I have likewise sent a Black munkey the nutmeg fruits I cannot get at present it is not the season — In January and February the Inhabitants say there will be plenty — as for Goolinoor Business I am very careful respecting is 2 Inhabitants have carried and are thatching their houses — and the Inhabitants have begun to cut away the Jungles agreeing to the assessment as ꝑ Yarovaudy I shall take care and overlook the Cultivation — yesterday the Merchants came from the Southward with nuts and unloaded there Bullocks during the night the Gunneys were cut and nuts Stolen by which they lost 1/2 of a Tolam — on which I asked Appaugee Goundem Man how comes it that there robberries happen when you stay here — to which he replied you do not allow Cauvel on that account the passengers are plundered if you present us Bulls for Cauvel we shall be answerable that there is no robberries — the Inhabitants all say the Robberries are Committed by Appaugee Goundem people — as for the Elephant Holes I am very careful — and likewise in the Circar business

Translation of a Cadjan from Kistna Iyen Amuldar of Cumbum to George Wynch Esq. dated 20 December

After I received your letter I understood the Contents as soon as I received the Summed I got ready 40 Peons and went to Kanamuntumputty to make Jupty of the Country and tye the String of Sequestration when 100 Peons proceeded from Combay with Swords and firelocks — and prevented me from entering the Village and Shut the Barrier Hedge after turning out the Peons that went to Sequester the Village I have used my best endeavours but they will not give up the Village at Kanjomuntumputty Appaugee Goundan Man Solomanaigar now resides I cannot write in Cadjans what he says by fair means we will never give up the Village — I write this for your Information and wish Your Order I have given Orders to the Elephant keeper to tame the Elephants as soon as possible — when properly Taming I shall send them to Dindigul I am very carefull in this business —

I shall use my best endeavourse respecting the Cultivation of Goolnoor — the four Inhabitants that are there require Advances — If you permit this Cultivation will go on perfectly — I am very carefull in the Cultivation Appaugee Goundan and Yerrasah Naiguer have continue to Trouble the People on the Tallamala as likewise the Merchants —

Elephants Expences

	C	F	C
Clearing the Wholes	6.	.	.
4 Pions watching 9 mercal of Paddy	3.	6	.
4 Ditto under the trees	2	6.	.
12 Chicklers 6 mercal each	7.	2.	.
Hill people pays 10 Cullums of Paddy	6.	.	.
Mungee for Roapes 7 Cullum @ 3 f	2	1.	.
Ditto 1 Sort . . . 11 . . . @ 5.	5	5.	.
Ditto from Poodoopetty 1½ @ 2.	.	4	20.
Presented . . diff.t People	5	7	20
2 Cumbalis	.	7.	.
1 Silver Elephant presented the God	.	5.	.
Expences . . . Ditto	.	2.	.
1 Silver Elephant . . Ditto . . Ditto	.	5.	.
Expences . . . Ditto . . Ditto	.	5.	.
Ditto . . . Ditto	.	1.	12.
Ditto . . . Ditto	.	1.	35.
Ditto . . . Ditto	.	2	15.
Pungal . . . Ditto	.	2	28.
Ditto Presented God		5	20
Ditto	.	2	.
9 Kids	.	9	.
2 Bullocks	2.	7.	.
Marall formulation	1.	4	10.
Carried forward	50.	4	.

Brought forward	50	4	0
Oil	2	6	10
Ditto of 5 Sorts	1	8	20
2 Gunnys	0	5	0
Grass — Cal.ns 20 .. Paddy	1	7	20
Ditto — 10 . 90 . Nutchuny	0	7	0
4 Cloths to Elephants Peon		3	20
2 Whips	0	6	0
	58	7	30
2 Monkeys — 20 . 0			
2 Cloths and Betty 10 . 5 . 0			
All People — 10 . 7 . 5	12	6	25
Cully Rs.	71	4	15

This Account is not an exact Translation of either the Cudjan or Copy — the Total on the Cudjan is — 84 . 7 . 4

and the Copy is correct and gives with the above

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Sunspintty Rangalingum is in the Pettah of Dindigul but too unwell to attend he has Signed to the Truth of his Cudjans which are given in —

20 Nov.r 1796

(Signed) George Wynch

Elephant Expences from 20th Sep.r in the year Raktaxi

	Cull.s	Mercal			
Mashall for 2 Elephants			1	4	10
Oil Received from Govinda Chitty for San			2	6	10
5 diff.t Sorts of Oil			1	8	10
			5	9	
2 Pieces of Gunny			.	1	.
Paid 2 Son of Tany 2 diff.t times for Grass — Paddy	2	11		1	
Nutcheny	1	9			
Elephant drivers pay from 15th to 15th April commencing 7 Months @ 4 Cull.s per Month is 28 Cull.s paid in part			19	.	.
Second drivers pay for 7 Months @ 2 Cullums per Month is 14 Cullums gave in part	9	Cullums			
1 Boy for 7 Months @ 1 Cull per Month is 7 Cullums paid in part	4	.			
1 Bullock driver for 5 Months and 18 days @ 2 Cullums per Month is 11 Cull 2¼ Mer. paid in part	9	.			
2 Ditto for 3 Months and 7 days @ 1 Cullum and 6 Mercal is 4 Cullums and 10⅔ Mercal paid in part	3	.			
5 Water womans pay for 2 Months @ 4 Mercals per Month	5	.			
9 Hide				9	.
2 Bullock			2	7	.
Carried forward	34	8	30	.	.

	Cullum	s.	
Brought forwards	24.	8.	20.
1 Piece Cloth			3
Gave alms when rid on Elephant Cullum		1.	
Expences Ready money			
Rice for Elephant	1.		
Total			20. 5

Paddy — Cullum 24. 11.
Nutchunny — 1. 9.

after deducting the above —

Balance due to Head Elephant man		9.
Ditto to Second Ditto for 5 Cullum		3.
Ditto to a boy	2 Ditto	1. 8
Ditto to Bullock drivers	2 8¼	1. 8
Ditto to Ditto	1. 10⅛	1. 1
The Total Balance due to Elephant Servants &c.		16. 2

Thus I have given a true account and Received in full of all Balance due to me and other Servants this sum of 16. 2. 11. from Mr. George Wynch

(Signed) Muttandoo Muwuttee

November 2[illegible]

Mr. Wynch Delivered the following Papers to Mr. T. B. Plurdes (Entr[illegible] 34[illegible])

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That my Servants partook of Nuzers from the Renters may be [illegible] it is [illegible] -unprobable that the Lands were Rented Conditional that Nuzers should be paid I have no doubt because the Translation of a Cadjan from Comara Pilly on this Subject fell into my hands with other Papers immediately on my Arrival — & indeed the terms on which the Cases were granted can no other -ways be accounted for Copy of Mr. Wrangham's Letter under date the 1st of August is Submitted by which it appears that the Collection of the Circar Lands for

1784	was	Cully Chut.	125000	} Eng[illegible]
1785 } 1786 }	averaged year	Ditto	100000	
1787		Ditto	100000	[illegible]
1789		Ditto	102069	

That in 1784 the Circar Collecting in Paddy amounted to Cully Chut. 45000 at 6½ fanams ⅌ Cullum which gives 69230 Cullums and in 1785 & 1786 to Cully Chut. 55000 which at the same rates gives 84616 Cullums and in 1789 the Collections in Paddy are given in at 81066 Culls. at 7 fanams ⅌ Cullum

From the accounts I procured it appears that the Circar Lands yielded in Paddy [illegible] proportion as follows

		Cull.		Chut.
In Meer Saib's time 1774	Cusbah	3000	at 10 fan. ⅌ Cullum	3000
	Natala Coondum	17000	at 7 fan. ⅌ Ditto	11900
	Parea Colum	30000	at 5 fan. ⅌ Ditto	15000
	Outampollum	48000	at 4 fan. ⅌ Ditto	19200
	Total Collection in Paddy Culls.	98000	Cully Chut.	49100

		Cull.		Chut.
& In Syed Saib's time 1786	Cusbah	2500	at 10 fan. ⅌ Cull.	2500
	Natala Coondum	16000	at 9 fan. ⅌ Ditto	14400
	Parea Colum	18000	at 7½ fan. ⅌ Ditto	13500
	Outampollam	34000	at 6 fan. ⅌ Ditto	20400
	Total Collection in Paddy Culls.	70500	Cully Chut.	50800

		Cull.		Chut.
In 1792 When Comara Pilly was Renter	Cusbah	2500	at 10 fan. ⅌ Cull.	2500
	Natala Coondum	13900	at 12 fan. ⅌ Ditto	16680
	Parea Colum	14500	at 10 fan. ⅌ Ditto	14500
	Outampollam	13500	at 8 fan. ⅌ Ditto	10800
	Total Collection in Paddy Culls.	44400	Cully Chut.	44480

		Cull.		
In 1793 When [illegible] was Renter	Cusbah	2600	Sold for	1560
	Natala Coondum	14500	at 10 fan. ⅌ Cullum	14500
	Parea Colum	13500	at 9 fan. ⅌ Ditto	12150
	Outampollam	14000	at 7 fan. ⅌ Ditto	9800
	[illegible] Culls.	44600	Cully Chut.	38010

In the years 1784 - 1785. 1786. 1787 & 1789 Mr. Wrangham States the Shodundrum to have been 6¼ Cullums on every 100 Cullums & Subsequent to that Period at 40 Cullums Pr 100 Cullums consequently calculated the Shodundrum on the smallest quantity 44400 Culls at 40 the Total produce must have been 148000 Cullums on which deduct a Shodundrum at 6¼ and the remainder gives total 138380 Cullums Circar proportion 69385 in lieu of 44400 making a difference to the Circar of 24790 Cullums which at the average selling price for 1792 & 1793 the 2 Preceeding years to that in which the lands were Rented 9½ fanams Pr Cullum Gives Cully Chut. 23411 or at a much more equitable Rate 5 fanams the difference will still be Cully Chut. 12492 If to this the 10000 Chut. said to have been disbursed in Muzers and the 7539. 1 63/64 owing to the Rajah of Travancores people having altered the Course of a fine river be added the given sum will be 30031 1/64 for supposing the Rajahs Servants to have performed this Herculian labour yet as the Talook was to be given up these could be no Reason why the Loss so accurately calculated should have been allowed for after the first year - nevertheless we find the Rents only raised from Cully Chut. 38650 to 40350 (Exclusive of Customs) Increase Cully Chut. 1700 If the Customs Palapatara &ca be added at Cully Chut. 5220 nett the increase will be Cully Chut. 6920 in lieu of 30031 difference not accounted for 23111 - that the Shodundrum and Muzers mentioned were not over looked appears from the 14 & 15 Paragraph of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 25 of August as follows -

"The Sohundrums was Particularly adverted to by the Board in their Letter to Mr. Macleod under date 14 December last as appearing unusualy high, and the Report of the acting Collector confirms their Suspecion of the imposition practised by the Inhabitants and Renters, in the devision of the Crop by which the Company have sustained a loss of 16⅜ Cullums in the 100 -

In Regard to the Correction of this Evil the Board do not see the necessity of its being gradual - It is proved that the Established assessment before the Company obtained Possession of the Country was clearly defined, and in its Principle Equitable as giving to the Husbandman the full Recompence for his labor, Resolved therefore that the Collector be directed forthwith to revert to the former devision of the Nunjah Crops the Grounds upon which the Muzers stated to have been paid by the Inhabitants to the Renters were granted are fully accounted for - & it evidently appears that there have been by this means a Collusion between them to Rob the Circar of its just due

If to the forgoing the Punja assessments be added the accounts will stand thus -

1794	Nunja .. 98000 Sold for Chut.	49100	
	Punja assessment	72000	
	Sayer Suttrums &ca	8575	129675

1784	Nunja 70500 Sold for	50800	
	Punja assessed	51500	
	Sauyer Suttrums &ca	8575	110875

In the year 1788 the Circar Lands were Rented for 3 years as follows —

Cusbah assessed at	23000	Chus. and	1500	Cullums	of Paddy
Attoor Ditto	2500	Ditto &	5000	Ditto	of D°
Natala Coondum D°	2800	D° &	8500	D°	of D°
Gungoovarputty D°	1300	D° &	4700	D°	of D°
Parra Colum	6500	D° &	30000	D°	of D°
Outam Pollam	3500	D° &	33000	D°	of D°
	39600		82700		

If the Paddy is Reckoned at 7 fanams p^r Cullum agreeable to the Statement in the accompanying Letter the given sum will be Cully Chus. 97390 exclusive of Sau &ca as follows —

	Chus.
Cusbah	24050
Natala Coondum	19240
Parra Colum	27500
Outam Pollam	26600
	97390

97390 which nearly Corresponds in the Total with the accounts Submitted on the 1st. of August — which States the amount as follows —

Cusbah	23117	
Deduct Custom	2600	
		20517
Natala Coondum		15850
Parra Colum		29500
Outam Pollam	33600	
Deduct Custom	3000	
		30600
		96467

Of the Sum of Cully Chus. 26600 Collected in the outampollam Talook 13000 Cullums of Paddy and 1700 Chus. was Collected from Cumbum, Goodalore, Hanomunta putty & Poodooputty which reckoning the Paddy of 7 fans. p^r Cullum goes 10800 — & leaves a Balance of Cully Chus. 86500 — which more than doubles the amount for which the lands were Rented in the Sum of Cully Chuckrums 5800 —

These facts are not Stated with a view to Refute what the Renters have —

sworn —

Sworn to - but in the event of these assertions being true which I very much doubt are offer=
=ed in extenuation of the Conduct of my Servants - for as the Rents were proposed by the
Collector and approved by the Board of Revenue at less than half what they were then supposed
to yield Certainly the Renters had a Right to appropriate the aggregate to their own incli=
nation -

The Cowl naumahs having been mortgaged immediately after the Countrys were
Rented and before my arrival is at least presumptive proof that the nuzers were made
at that juncture and Consequently tends to refute the facts Sworn to - and Vencatauchellum
having publickly presented Gopaulkistniah with Gold Joys in the Hoozoor very strongly -
Confirms the presumption - thus much at least is certain that the Cowle namahs
were mortgaged to Vencatauchellum and his Dependants - if nefarious Conduct did -
therefore exert it must have been with his Concurrence the same Observation is applicable
to the 6 Pollams under Charge of Lieut. Colonel Oliver and in which his Dubash acted as
Soucar & Verifies the Observation of the Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue in the 11th para=
=graph of their Proceedings under date 25th of August 1794 as follows -

The Influence of Soucars to whom the Poligars are Endebted, real or Imagi=
=nary encourages them to acts which the former from fear of loosing their Property must
naturally use every means to Gloss over & Support, however iniquitous -

With the accompanying Letter already Commented on Mr. Wrangham
transmits an Enclosure (No. 6) of which a Copy is offered - Specifying the tribute paid by the
Poligars previous to the Districts becoming subject to the Company amounting to fully Chus. -
104812. 5 this Corresponds with the Persian Paper I transmitted to the Board of Revenue by their order
and with exception of Bodenaignoor and Veerapatchee is I believe Correct - The Peshcush having been
reduced from 106,047. 5 which it was known to have yielded to 72,462. 5. Certainly is presump=
=tive that the difference 33585. 5 was appropriated at the time for Certain emoluments -

That Cunneyvaudy Conjointly with Deodanoputty was Settled for Fusly 1200 at -
17000 & Veerapatchee and Vadagurray at 5000 each appears from the accompanying Copy of Mr. -
Wranghams Letter with enclosure under date 25 of February 1791 - that the first Settlement with the
Poligars was Cally Chus. 85450 instead of 78430 appears from the 1st. Paragraph of the Boards Proceedings
under date the 17th of July 1794 as follows -

"Also to make a more minute enquiry into the account of the Peshcush formerly
paid by the Poligars and to explain the Cause which reduced the 1. Estimate of Peshcush ex-

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expected from him Vizt. 85450 Chuckrums to Chur. 78400 —

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The Reply is Contained in No. 3 — That the Peshcush of this Fusly was Settled agreeable to the one for Fusly 1203 Reducing the Peshcush to 73462.5 is proved by the Peshcush now Demanded —

These facts do not refute the Evidence already sworn to but certainly tend to extenuate the Conduct of my Servants (Supposing the Evidence given in against them to be true) for Doubtless they had as much Right to partake of the aggregate arising from a Peshcush that had progressively been reduced from Cully Chur. 104047.5. to 73462.5 as their Predecessor had — and if they did actually Receive the Sums mentioned their having assisted me in a research which in=abled me to propose an increase of Peshcush amounting to Cully Chur. 31302.5. was in my Opinion a Signal instance of Integrity —

The Peshcush for Fusly 1205 & 1206 having been Settled in the space of 4 months at the same rate heretofore Received must be Considered as the fullest justification of my Conduct in Settling the Peshcush for Fusly 1204 —

On the Contradictory Evidence given in by the Poligar of Combay I have already Remarked it Remains therefore to be Observed that this Poligar has been Rewarded in a most ex=emplary manner on the arrival of the Committee he stood endebted as follows

Hanoomuntumputty	for	1204	1300
Ditto	for	1205	1277. 3
Cavil			1376. 7. 20
Kist	for	1205	550
		C. Chur.	4404. . 20

On this account 3000 Chur. were actually in the Cash Chest of which I under=stand Cully Chur. 1172 was returned — Superadded to this large Donation (the aggregate) 2577 Cully Chur. the watching fees at Cumbum &ca. were granted to Appauga Goundan altho it appeared that there had been no maumool therefor for 40 years past —

The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 18th of December 1794 prove that at that Period they were of Opinion Appagu Goundan should be held Responsible for the Rents of Hanoomuntaputty for Fusly 1204 & justifys my having made him answer=able therefor agreeable to what I informed the Board on the 22d April 1795 "he will read=ily pay a Tribute therefor equal to what it would Rent for if kept as Circar Lands" the Rent for Fusly 1204 having been Returned him Consequently implicates my Conduct ex=

Extract of the Boards minute is therefore subjoined. —

"As it does not appear that Appagee Goundin has a Right to the Village of Hanomuntapetty agreed to recommend to Government that his Surrender of it to the Company be made the Condition of his Receiving the Sunned of Confermation in his Pollam" —

If the Sum of Cully Chu^s 1172 was not Returned to Appagee Goundin I request to be set Right by the Collector. —

20th November 1796 —

(Signed) George Wynch

To David Haliburton Esqr

acting President &^ca members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Fort St George

I have the Honor to transmit to you the Result of my enquiries on the past and Present State of this District; — I have indeavoured to obtain the best information and I believe that what I have Received may be Depended upon at least in most instances —

In Numbers 1. 2. 3. & 4 I have detailed the amount of Nett Collections in money & Grain from each Talook of the Circar Lands an account of which I took from the Naut Curnums of the Villages: — N° 5 in an abstract account of the Sums Collected from each Talook annually since the Company took possession of the District —

To make this narrative as concise clear & Comprehensive as I am able and to save you the trouble of references to a mass of Voluminous papers, I shall speak of each Talook Seperately and introduce such Remarks as may be necessary to elucidate the Cause of decrease in the Collections since the Reduction of the District to the Companys autho=rity to simplify this I shall draw a short Comparison between the Gross account Collect=ed in Fusly 1199 the year before it was Subdued and 1201 the Second year after its re=duction. —

To draw the Comparison between 1199 & 1200 might occasion some Confusion because in the accounts of 1200 Sums are Stated for Sales upon Grain Cattle Sheep &^ca

which were left behind by the Enemy & Disposed of as Circar property —

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Cusbah

The accounts of 1199 State the Collections from this Talook —

	Chs. & C.
Punja	18725
Nunja 2566 Cullums of Paddy at 7½ F. ꝑ Cullum	1792
Sayer	2600
	23117
In 1201	18278
Decrease	4839

The Cause of which is accounted for in the following manner —

Demands were made by Certain Poligars for the Restoration of Villages Seized by Syed Saib which they Claimed as their property the justice of their claim was inquired into & the undermentioned were Restored to them Vizt. To Pollamoottoo naigue the Village of Ramnaidpoor which yields annually a Revenue of ... Chs. 350

To Golup naigue Pittalaputty and Pillianuttum ... 950

To Amia naigue Allamarattoo putty ... 800

Cavilgar or watching fees of this Talook Received by Syed Saib whose own people Guarded the property of the Inhabitants ... 700

Loss Sustained an account of the Reduction of Tax in Fusly 1199. 16½ fanams were Received ꝑr Kooly in 1201 fans. 13 ... 1000

Estimated Loss occasioned by the Depredation of Colleries & want of Rain ... 1639

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The following remark will hold good upon the deminution of the Land Tax in every Talook. after Consulting the accounts of a very late date, & Comparing them with those of Subsquent dates, the Moorish oppression of Meer Saib in part and afterwards of Syed Saib appears but too evident — I will particularezize one Instance — In the Cusbah, the Tax on Puttoo Cuttoo Lands was Raised from 7 Cully fanams odd Cash to 16: — there is no doubt but that some augmentation might have been made, & the Inhabitants

Inhabitants could have well borne the additional assessment; but the above mentioned was to inormous: as far as I can judge the Inhabitants of this District enjoy their previleges and are at present as happy as these in most others & I think it would be an erroneous System, to hold out a Temporary larger Revenue to the Eyes of Government, which certainly would be of no lasting profit because any thing beyond the proper assessment would ultimately hurt the population consequently the improvement of the Country.

Natala Coondum Talook

	Chut.
Fusly 1199 Collected Poonja	5000
Ditto - - Ditto Nunja 15500 Cull. of Paddy at 7 f.s # Cull.	10850
	15850
Ditto - - 1201 Collected	13345 - 8/12
Decrease	2504 - 1/2

	Chut. f.s
Which is accounted for thus Enams to the Pagodas and Brominies Cavelgar fees and Shodundrums	1100
Reduction in the Land Tax - - - 16 to 13 fan.s	300
Estimated loss Sustained by the incursions of Colleries and want of Rain	1104 - 1/2
	2504 - 1/2

Parea Colum Talook

Fusly 1199 Collected Punja	
Ditto - - - Nunja 30000 Cullums of Paddy at 7 fan.s # Cullom	8500
Ditto 1201 Collected	21000
	29500
Ditto 1201 Collected	13566 - 8 9/32
decrease	15933 - 1 23/32

Accounted for thus	
Enams to the Pagodas - - - 2500 Cull.s of Paddy	1750
Ditto to the Bramineys together with Cavelgars fees & Shroundrums	1750
Reduction in the Land Tax	400
Loss on account of the neglect of the necessary Repairs of Tanks and watercourses the Depredations of the Colleries and the very certain and Distructive inroads of Elephants which I have been repeatedly an Eye witness of. Estimated at	7933 - 1 24/28
Loss on Punjah from the above causes & the entire demolition of three fine Villages Vizt. Andeputty Woonjumputty & Golaporam	4100
	15933 - 1 23/32

The above Losses I have Stated from the best and only accounts I have been able

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to Collect but I will add that I do not put implicit faith in them, the two last mentioned Sums in particular I think must be exaggerated, yet it is not in my power to ascertain the precise truth notwithstanding the pains I have taken to do it —

Ootampollam Talook

Fusly 1199	Collected Punja	7500	
	Ditto — Nunja	23100	
	Sayer	3000	
		33600	
Ditto 1201	Collected	6461	8/64
	Decrease	27138	1 59/64

The last mentioned decrease though so much is I think more easily Accounted for than any other: — to the Company taking possession of these province the Districts Cumbum and Goodalore formed of it, and yielded from the accounts I have examined a Revenue to the Circar of 12930 Chuckrums: — immediately after the Garrison fell the Raujah of Trevancore Seized upon these places which he has ever since held & Collected the Revenue from them. —

The Records of your Board Gentlemen shew the repeated References that have been made on the Subject of Cumbum & Goodellore and you will I trust allow me to Remark that had the Claim of the Trevancore Rajah been ever so Strong well established that he acted in an unqualified & wrong manner in taking possession of these places without the Sanction of the British Government I cannot indeed yet discover that he has Substantiate his Claims on the Country from very information I have Received the Reverse is the Case: — to proceed —

Loss Sustained by the Seizure of Cumbum and Goodalore	12930
Ditto the District of Hanoomunta putty which yielded a Revenue of 4100 Cullums of Paddy taken Possession of by Appagee Gounden a turbulent & marauding Poligar	3370
	16300
Pagoda and Braminy Enams Cavelgars fees and Shodundrum	1590
Reduction of the Land Tax	200
The undermentioned Villages which yielded in Fusly 1199	1509

Caroongotta Colum
Coonoor
Goolianoor
Woopparputty

now yields nothing scarcely they have been entirely distroyed by the turbulent Poligars and Coll[en] at the Bottom of the Vally and the Inhabitants have fled from them.—

A very considerable loss also has been Sustained from the Rajah of Trevancores People at Cumbum and Goodaloore having altered the Course of a fine River which formerly watered a large part of the Outampollam Talook this loss is Estimated at . . . . } 7539..1 [illegible]

27138..1 [illegible]

From the accounts now forwarded N 1..2..3..& 4.. it would appear that the actual Collection from the Circar Lands in Fusly 1200 were Gross . . . . 60430..4 3/32

Charges . . . . 12667..7 3/32

Nett Collection - 47762..7 7/8

1201 Gross . . . . 51652..8 7/16

Charges . . . . 15347..4 5/16

Nett Collection - 36305..3 61/64

1202 Gross . . . . 52490..2 1/2

Charges . . . . 11175.. . .

Nett Collection - 41305..2 1/2

1203 Gross . . . . 50469..9 7/8

Charges . . . . 11005..4

Nett Collection - 39464..5 7/8

The Causes of decrease in the revenue Since the Company took possession of the District I have endeavoured to account for already in the Comparison drawn between the Collection in Fusly 1199 & 1201 & in the Remarks Subjoined to it – how far the Comparison may prove satisfactory to your Board I cannot say – I am not well satisfied with it myself as I conceive that in many instan=ces the accounts taken are fallacious notwithstanding the precautions I took to prevent deception –

A conclusion indeed might be drawn that they are fallacious from the small pro=fit arising to the Renters, which appears on the face of them:– To save you the trouble of a Reference I will here again State the amount actually Collected the two last years –

1202 . . . . . . Collected . . . . 41305..2 1/2

Rent Paid . . . . 35500..

Renters profit - 5805..2 1/2

1203 Collected - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 39464 . 5⅞

Rent paid - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 38650 . . .

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Renters profit 714 . 5⅞

It certainly is not to be supposed men would take farms in Rent from which they derived such small profit and this Circumstances having Struck very forcibly I made use of every exertion in my power to ascertain if there were any means which do not publickly appear from whence they could gain, or had gained Emolument: —

It is my duty to do so but it is with regret that I state the information I have Received — I say with regret because the past evils are without remedy & long Custom having introducted the practice, it has become a president and in future prevention of it may be attended with save difficulty: — it is not in this District alone but in most others I understand the practice prevails, and it is much wished that measures were adopted to do it away —

I shall make known to you in a very few words, the exactions (for I can give them no other terms) of Renters immediately after Receiving Charge of their farms: — the head Inhabitants of each Village are Called upon to attend at the Renters Cutcherry: — they of Course appear & are previously taught to suppose that nuzers are expected to the protection of the Renter & the nuzers are accordingly: — presented: I am very creadibly enformed but not from the head Inhabitants themselves (for they would never develope the fact) that nuzers to the amount of Six thousand (6000 Chs.) each year were Received by the Renters during the two last years: — The Second exaction is form the Braminees attached to the Pagodas in the Countoy: — but this is more to be tolerated than the former because the Braminys are altimately gainers — they make Considerable presents to the Renters at which they amply reimburs themselves from the Donations made by those who attend: — in a word I am convinced that even in this small District nuzers to the amount of near Ten thousand Chuckrums are annually Collected —

It only remains for me to state another Some of Emoluments from which the Renters have hitherto gained Considerable profit & I shall then have nothing further to offer to your Observation on the Subject —

The Company's Exchange in this District is Settled at 15¼ Chs. ℔ P. N. Pagoda & 17¼ ℔ S Pagoda the Bazar Exchange is 13½ ℔ P. N. P. & 15½ ℔ S Pagoda the Renters invariably make their Payment in Pagodas which they purchase at 13½ & 15½ so that they gain on each Pagoda 2 fully fanams — I have calculated the amount gained the two last years

Years viz.

1202 or 35500 Chut. at 15/2 is 22903 . 10 . 40

at 17/2 is 20289 . 5 . 16

Profit on the difference of Exchange to the Renters ... 2614 . 5 . 24.

1203 or 38650 Checkrums at 15/2 is ... 24935 . 22 . 40

at 17/2 is ... 22093 . 5 . 32 ... 2842 . 17 . 8

Total gain the two Years S. Pag. 5456 . 22 . 32

I have been thus particular in speaking of the Exchange as I wish a Remedy to be aplied to prevent the Company from sustaining so Considerable a loss when any future arrangements may be made for Renting out the Country — as the loss however is equally Sustained by the payments from the Poligars & the Renters you will be so good as to Consider the following Remarks as applicable to both. It has been the Custom time out of mind to receive Tribute from the Poligars in Chut. in which nominal Coin the Renters Kist have also been Settled since the Country has been Rented out during the Company's Government — would it not therefore be attended with good effect to receive both from the Renters and Poligars their Kists in fanams or to settle with them to make their Payments in Pagodas at the Bazar Exchange with Poligars I am aware it would be difficult perhaps impracticable to alter their Established Custom of a Settlement in Chut. but certainly not so with Renters.

However with the Poligars were I am very sure a more beneficial mode of Receiving their Tribute might be adopted —

This might be brought about I think in the following manner — when the annual kists are fixed the Poligars should be advised that their tribute would not be Received on account of the loss Sustained by the Company except in the Coin in which it is specified Vizt. Chut. they must then pay in Chut. which owing to the variety of fanams they would find it difficult to do or acceeded to such terms as would make good the loss — at present Suffered the most beneficial plan to adopt however in my opinion, would be to draw a medium between the Companys and Bazar Exchange & to settle the Kists of the Poligars at that medium provided they make their Payments in Pagodas: — I shall now speak of the Sayer Collections & I premise my observations by offering it as my opinion that they should be immediately Rented out In 1200 the Collections from this branch of Revenue were S.Chut. 2261 . 1/16 1/32

In 1201 ... 2924 . 39/32

1202 ... 4120 . 0

1203 ... 4500 . 0

From which it appears in the two last years the Collections have very much exceeded those of the two former years and no Complaints are on the records of this Cutcherry to prove

prove that there has been any particular rigor exercised in the Collection of the Customs — the number of Chowkees in each District is as follows —

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in the Cusbah	5
Natatacoondum	4
Parea Colum	3
Outampollam	8

The Rates of Customs are fixed and delivered to the Persons employed to Collect the Revenue & I have every reason to believe that few if any exactions have been made. — Whether the Customs are Rented or kept under the immediate management of the Collector — I think it would be attended with good effect to have the rates on every article of merchandize fixed up at each Chowkee and to hold out to Merchants the means of redress in the event of any exaction —

I shall now beg leave to offer to your Consideration some General Remarks which I hope will prove satisfactory — it appears to me from all the information I have been able to obtain that after the Company took possession of this District the rates Established for the Punja were just and proper neither bearing too hard upon the Inhabitants or giving up more to them then was necessary: — during the administration of Meer Saib the mode of Assessment on the Poonjy was not by any means so oppressive as in ~~xxx~~ that of his Successor Syed Saib in the former Government, the Inhabitants were not assessed according to the Numbers of Koolies of Land which might be Cultivated but for the Quantity actually Cultivated — Syed Saib at the Commencement of his administration in Fusly 1194 fixed the assessment at 16½ f. Pr Cooly on all arable Punja land which beyond a doubt was oppressive and Caused Considerable Emigration —

In the Cultivation of Nunja I have discovered no oppression in Syed Saibs time & I think it would not be inexpedient to adopt a mode of Collection similar to his. — 6¼ Cullums of Paddy Pr % were allowed to the Inhabitants as their Shoodundrum: — the remaining 93¾ Cullums were equally divided, one half falling to the Circar the other to the Inhabitants.

In Fusly 1194

	Chut.
Syed Saib Collected on Punja	80000. f. C.
& on Nunja of Paddy which at this Rate it was then sold 6½ f. Pr Cullum make	45000
Fusly 1194 Total Collections Chuckrums	125000

But in two following years 1195 & 1196 on an average only 45000 Chut. were Collected on Punja & the Emigration of the Inhabitants accounts for the decrease — Punja 45000

However on the Nunja

In Consequence of the equitable Assessment Cultivation increased and there were Collected Nunja 55000

Fusly 1195/6 average Collections — Chut. 100000

At the Commencement of Fusly 1197 Syed Saib Rented out the Circar for 100000 Chak and the Renters were enabled to make good their Payments this circumstance be easily accounted for when it is considered that a very large Force was constantly kept up in the District which force was employed in guarding the Country from the incursions of refractory Polligars, & the depredations of the Collerees in the adjac[illegible] Districts.—

I conceive it Gentlemen to be my duty while speaking of the state of the Province to draw your attention to the injury the revenue sustains from the very small num ber of Troops which are at present Stationed in it:— I will draw a Comparison between the protection afforded to the Barrahmahal & Dindigul in the former there are five Batta lions of Sepoys it is certain I believe that there has been seldom if ever occasion to emp Troops in that province for the Collection of the Revenue but the very Circumstance of so large a force being stationed in it is of itself sufficient to ensure the Tranquility of the Country. It is also to be considered that the Barrah mahal is not from its Situation Subject to the Inroads of Collerees & that there are no Poligars in the District to molest the Inhabitants & to impede Cultivation:— the Dindigul District is remote and a frontier — Coimbatore Daroporam & Carroor are situated to the west, North west & South west Trichinopoly to the north and North East, Madura to the East & lastly Trevancore to the Southward in the former part of this address I took occasion to mention the loss sustained to the Revenue from the Conduct of the Rayah of Trevancore's People, and the depredations of the Collerees of Madura and experience shews the inconvenience the Inhabitants have suffered from our Vicinity to Coimbatore &ca but these Circumstances are of little Consideration when Compar with the injury sustained by the inhabitants in Consequence of the refractory and Turbulent Conduct of the Poligars (of which there are twenty four) immediately situated in the District & Tributaries to the Company:— Scarcely a day elapses but that Complaints are made from every part of the Circar Lands of the People having suffered from the Poligars adherents, there are no means of affording them redress:—

the Revenue of Course suffers most materially from the last mentioned Circumstance, the Inhabitants to avoid oppression from the Poligars not unfrequently Quit the Circar Lands & settle in the Pollams:— where their property is more Secure.—

To resume the thread of my narrative I have already remarked that the arrangement for the Punja since the Company took possession of the District appears to me to be equitable but I have no hesitation in saying that in the Nunja the Circar has suffered much loss & cannot Discover any reason for altering Syed Saib's assessment,

he allowed in Fusly 1194 to the Inhabitants 6¼ Cullums of Paddy pr % as their Shodundrum as I have before Stated they were satisfied & in the two following years Cultivation Encreased & the Revenue was augmented each year 10000 Chus the present regulations are as follows Forty (40) Cullums of Paddy pr % are allowed as Shodundrum & the remaining 60 are equally devided between the Circar & Inhabitants whereby it appears that the former receives but 30 & the latter 70 Cullums agreeable difference between Syed Saibs assessment he Received 46⅞ pr % & the Inhabitants 52⅛ —

I am well aware how difficult it would be to alter the present mode of assessment on the Nunja but I have no Doubt that it might be done gradually if proper measures were taken —

Since I have been employed in the District I have ever been anxious that Circar Lands should be Rented out to the head Inhabitants of each Talook and in December 1790 when the sole Charge of the Collections was placed in my hands I endeavoured to impress them with an Idea of the benefit that would arise to them from their concurrence in my opinion but without effect — I very well know also that since that period my immediate superior Mr Macleod has left nothing undone to make the same impression but he too as been unsuccessfull — I have nothing further to offer Gentlemen to your Consideration on the subject of the barren Lands, if it should be your intention to Rent them out the present Year, a very watchfull eye ought to be Kept over the Renters to do which with Effect a Confidential Servant (a Tosildar) should be placed at the Curbah of each Talook, and I think that his allowance should be made Ample to insure his fedility, if on the other hand you should determine upon Keeping the Country in Amani the greatest Circumspection will be absolutely necessary on the part of the Collector to prevent fraud for he must in fact be as his own Amildar and constantly on the move throughout the Country, it may be necessary to add in conclusion that I conceive the labour of Amanee managment particularly in the District the Climate of which amongst the Hills is very unhealthy, to be too severe for the Constitution of any European, what ever may be your determination, however I shall chearfully do my best to give Satisfaction, and I have very little doubt but that the Expiration of the present Fusly, an accurate Knowledge may be obtained of the real Value of the Country and not sooner. ——

The enclosure No 6 will shew you the exact Amount of Revenue drawn from the Pollams before the District became Subject to the Companys Authority as also the Tribute since settle to which I have subjoined some Remarks explanatory of the cause of decrease: — in Fusly 1196 Syed Saib sequestered the Pollams of Pylney. Gopaul Naigue

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Vettacondum Naigue, Pullamootoo Naigue Ramabadra Naigue, Toozaumy Naig
Madoor Naigue and you will preceive the immence difference that appears in
Collections from the Pollams, in consequence of the Sequestration — in 1789 by Supr
express Orders — all the Poligars was dispossessed except four Vizt. — Appaji Goundr
Gopracottah, Mamberra and Yemma Naigue on oppressive measures which had not
large body of Troops been kept up and the greatest rigor at times exercised must ha
been productive of considerable loss to the Revenue. —

I am very far from thinking that the Poligars are not able to bear the present Assessment, on the contrary — I am convinced that the Tribute they pay is rather less than they ought to do particularly Vellaud Naigue of Pylney and Appia Naigue of Conneyvaudy, the two principle Poligars in the District, — Yet however I am apprehensive that no real benefit would result from an Endeavour to augment the Peishcush unless there were the means to inforce Obedience and to protect the Country in case it should be found necessary to Sequester some of the Pollams: — we experience difficulty enough indeed in collecting the Tribute already fixed and some of the Poligars are at this Moment one, two & three Years in Arrears: — their particular Names are specified in the remarks of the Enclosure No. 6. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Dindigul
1st August 1794

(Signed) J.W.
Asst. Collector

13/12/77